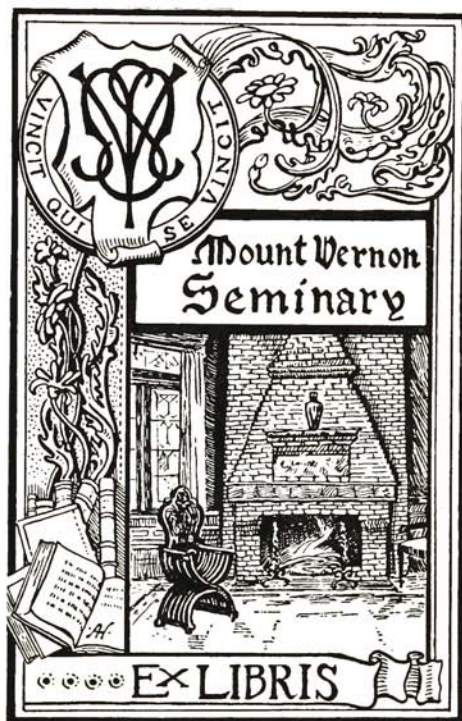


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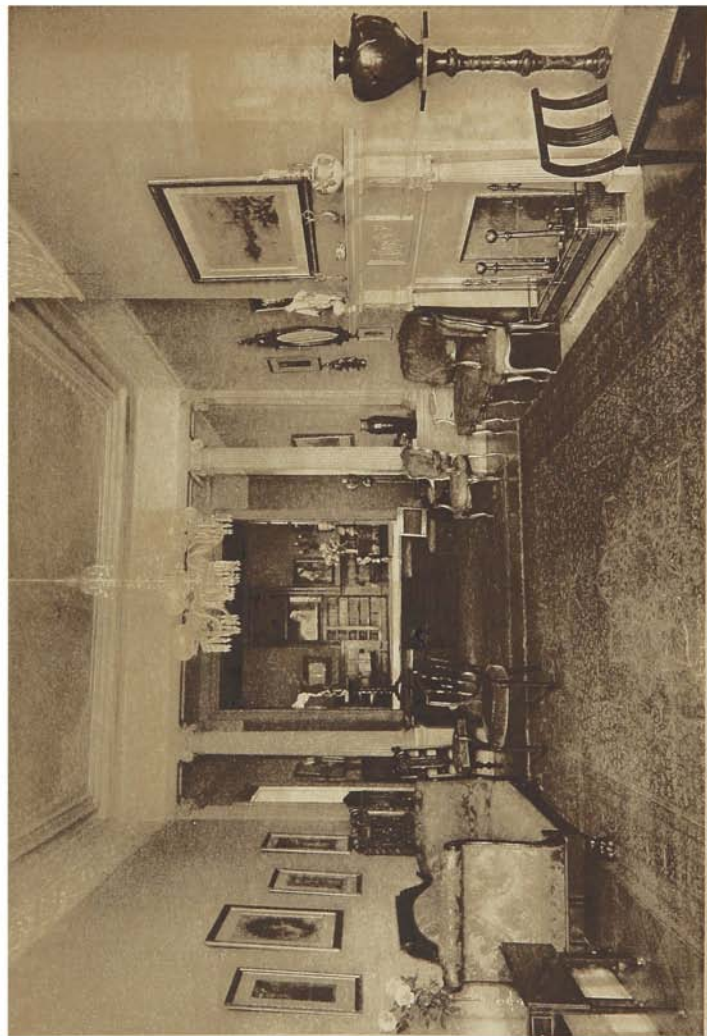
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The Alumnae Reunion

ON Saturday, May 10th, at eleven o'clock, the Annual Reunion of the Alumnae Association brought together a goodly number of its members. The meeting was called to order by the President, Miss Caroline Janney, '96, after which the graduating class was presented to the Association by Miss Alice E. Edwards, '93. Three of the members of this class were unable to be present, owing to illnesses and death in their families. The President welcomed the other twenty-three with the following words:

Members of the Class of 1907:

It gives me great pleasure to be the first to welcome into our Alumnae Association, such a full company of ardent Knights, Knights who come to us with a word upon their lips which will be not only a shield against the foe Forgetfulness, which is apt to overtake us on the crowded battlefield of life but is also a valiant sword to win for this dear Association of ours Triumphs we older members have only dreamed of. Fidelity means faithfulness to the high ideals of our Alma Mater and the performance of the many details of life which are so often left to the wholly hypothetical person who "has more time than we have."

To many of you your school days at M. V. S. have been very dear ones and the time has now come for you to prove your love and loyalty to your Alma Mater, and so I am glad to welcome you with your watchword, "Fidelity" emblazoned on your shield.

For we need your enthusiasm to bring new life and strength into this Association that we all love and honor so much. We make you very welcome.

THE RESPONSE WAS MADE BY MISS BEALL, VICE-PRESIDENT, IN BEHALF OF MISS JENNINGS.

Madame President, Mrs. Hensley, and

Members of the Association :

One year ago, we as the Junior Class selected as our motto, "Fidelity," thereby pledging ourselves to faithfulness to duties and responsibilities as well as to friends and classmates, and our dear M. V. S.

The year has passed quickly with its discouragements, disappointments, failures and successes. True to our color which symbolizes life and power of growth, we have tried to meet our failures with renewed effort, believing that fidelity to the fine standard of our life here must win in the end.

We find ourselves now with lessons over, on the threshold of the wider school circle, the first step toward that larger life that we are to enter next Thursday. In all these new relations it is our aim to prove that Fidelity is a vital principle with us the Class of 1907. We thank you for the courtesy extended to the youngest members of this association.

The calling of the Roll and reports of the various officers followed. Miss Rebecca Warner, Regent of the M. V. S. Society, then read her report of the year's work at the kindergarten, adding to this the report of the M. V. S. Club of New York, which reports may be found in full elsewhere. This concluded the business before the meeting and after a formal adjournment, the members were most delightfully entertained by Colonel Tweedale who read some poems of Kipling, James Whitcomb Riley,

Dr. Drummond and Ella Wheeler Wilcox interspersed with short sketches and jokes. At the conclusion of the reading the Association was served a dainty luncheon in the Reading Room where Miss Lorna Guard, one of our honorary members, presided most successfully as toast mistress.

The toasts presented the M. V. S. woman in some of the varied phases of her life. First—to the graduate, embodied in the class of 1907 :

“ May hope whisper in their eager ears
Sweet promises that kind fortune will quickly ratify.”

Miss Marion Foster, '07, responded to this toast, and pledged “to the Alumnæ Association—a link to our M. V. S. school days.”

“ The next step in life of the M. V. S. girl would naturally be her bow to the social world, therefore to the Debutante! May she never see her second season! Miss Emeline Wilce Spry, '06, herself a “ Bud,” read the sentiments of debutantes in general as expressed by Miss Edith Frances Meacham, '06.

Unfortunately, Mrs Marion Dall Connor, '01, who was to have toasted the M. V. S. Bride, was out of town, but our toast mistress read a few lines by Dr. Dall, and we drank to “the have-beens, the are-nows, the may-bes, and to those who mournfully do say :

“ Of all sad words of tongue and pen
The saddest are these—a bride I might have been.”

It was especially appropriate that Mrs. Villa Welch Murray, '79, should have responded to the toast to the M. V. S. mother, for she, a daughter of M. V. S., has

turnrd her two daughters over "to the mother-hearts of the M. V. S. teachers,"

"Where did you come from, baby dear?
Out of the everywhere, into the here.
How did you come, dear, just to be you?
God thought about me, and so I grew."

The toast to the M. V. S. Babies—"May they all be girls and come to swell the ranks of our dear M. V. S." was a letter written to the Association by the small daughter of Mrs. Frances Thirkeld Coleman '96, and read by Miss Grace McPherson Janney, '00.

"'Tis better to have played and tossed
Than to have married and been bossed."

"To the bachelor maid," was by Miss Anna Hassleman, '92, and was read by Miss Alice E. Edwards '93. "If having graduated and been a debutante, one can't be a bride and a mother—in faith she must be something, then why not a bachelor maid?"

"As for the M. V. S. Aunts, we may roast them, we may toast them, we may live with, but we can not live without them", as Miss Hattie Belle Walker, '81, herself an aunt, has good cause to know. She read the toast to the M. V. S. aunts by Miss Grace Duncan Wright, '94, who by next August will have held the honored position of aunt for seven long years. Some one loves us, even if he is only six."

The next toast was given by Miss Ancinette Gardner, '06, to Mrs. Hensley, who for years has been so potent a factor in the progressive life of M. V. S., a giver of the best—herself. Then let us drink to "Mrs. Hensley, whom we take to be the flower of womankind."

"We are more than conscious that a beloved face was absent from our midst—the radiating presence of

our own Mrs. Somers." "To Mrs. Somers, to whom more is due than all can pay," was the toast given by Miss Cornelia Irby Morgan, '81, who recalled her own M. V. S. days when it was possible to feel by intimate experience the influence of our M. V. S. mother in the lives of her children.

"Honor, reverence, and the good repute
That follows faithful service as its fruit
Be unto her whom we salute."

The last toast, given by Miss Helen B. Marsh, '06, was "To our Alma Mater—may the prosperity of the past be but a foreshadowing of the greater."

"Thus circling the cup, hand in hand, ever we drink
Let sympathy pledge us, through pleasure, through
pain,
That, fast as a feeling but touches one link
Her magic shall send it direct through the chain."

Treasurer's Report

Amount on hand May 19, 1906	\$170.73
Dues received	5.00
	<u>\$175.73</u>
Annals.....	\$ 78.00
Postage	4.53
	<u>\$ 82.53</u>
	175.73
	<u>82.53</u>
Amount on hand January 1, 1907	\$ 93.20
Dues received to date.....	266.00
Total.....	<u>\$359.20</u>
Printing and engraving.....	\$ 37.24
Catering.....	110.00
Florist	4.50
W. B. Moses.....	5.00
Mrs. True.....	3.00
Postage	9.00
Telegrams	.65
Total.....	<u>\$169.39</u>
Amount received.....	\$359.20
Amount paid out	<u>169.39</u>
Balance.....	<u>\$189.81</u>

Commencement Week

THE festivities of Commencement Week were ushered in by the Piano and Song Recital given in the music room on Friday evening, May 17th. The Seniors were most nobly represented by Miss Beal, Miss Ethel Hewitt and Miss Robertson, all rendering their songs delightfully.

The next day the Alumnæ Association held their Reunion and welcomed into their number the Class of 1907. That night the Seniors planted their Class ivy on the wall surrounding Senior yard and drank to each Senior from the loving cup presented to M. V. S. by the Class of 1907.

School Day, May 21st, was bright and beautiful—a day of days. The program, so arranged as to set forth the best work of the year in music and literature, was varied and unusually fine.

One number consisted of "Studies in Imagination," contributed by Misses Mulford, Robertson, Milne, Walding and Sherin, of the Class of 1907. Miss Ruth Dayton, '07, read a fine paper on "A Possible Solution of the Social Unrest," chosen, Mrs. Hensley explained, from among the Senior themes on "The Brotherhood of Man." Miss Ethel Hewitt, '07, sang. Miss Mary Beall gave the speech attending the abdication of Senior seats, and Miss Marguerite Weller, representing the Juniors, responded with grace and effectiveness. After the usual exchange of musical compliments between the classes of 1907 and 1908 Mrs. Somers entertained the school at luncheon.

Wednesday night, amid a bower of white roses and snowballs, the Class Night exercises took place.

The Class History, Lamentation and Prophecy were all most interestingly and cleverly read by Misses Ballock, Dayton and More. The essay selected to be read this night was that of Miss More, on "Woman and Philanthropy." Misses Edwards, '93, Kaspar, '00, Waring, '05 and Mrs. Fairfax, '94, all added greatly to the enjoyment of the evening. The beloved banner of the school was presented by Miss Johnson, '07, to Miss Unger, '08, President of the Junior Class. A delightful reception for the graduates and their friends followed.

The pink ball room of the New Willard was never more beautiful than on Thursday, May 23d, when, at eleven o'clock, the families and friends of the graduating class gathered for the closing scenes of Commencement Week. The decorations were exquisite, the music, under the direction of Prof. Kaspar, finer even than usual.

After the opening prayer Mrs. Hensley introduced the Rt. Rev. Henry Y. Satterlee, Bishop of Washington, whose address on "Life Lessons" was practical and to the point, embodying as it did to a marked degree, Mrs. Somers' favorite "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might."

The beloved principal of the school presented the diplomas, and her inspiring words went as straight to the hearts of the many Seniors of other years present as they did to those of the Class of 1907.

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. Dr. F. M. Bristol, of the Metropolitan M. E. Church, and later the graduates in an adjoining room received the congratulations and good wishes showered upon them,

M. V. S. Society.



REGENT'S REPORT.

The M. V. S. Society entered upon its second year of existence October 30th, 1906. The following officers were elected for a year :

Regent, Miss Warner.

Vice Regent, Miss Halford.

Recording Secretary and Treasurer, Miss McCauley.

Corresponding Secretary, Miss Hempstone.

Executive Committee, besides the officers, Miss Burrell, Miss Shepard, Miss Swope, Miss Woodward.

The Society is accomplishing a fine work in maintaining the Kindergarten, and Miss Holeman writes most encouragingly of the improvement noticed in the children. The number of children enrolled during the year was 64. There are usually from 36 to 40 children at Kindergarten, but a single bad day brings down the average attendance. For the past winter it has been 33. It is one of the largest Kindergartens in Washington. After visiting two Kindergartens this spring, one in a poorer section of the city, and the other in one of the private schools, Miss Holeman reported that both she and Miss Smith were well pleased with the condition of the M. V. S. Society Kindergarten. The school is divided into two classes—first and second year. Miss Holeman teaches the older children and Miss Smith the tiny

ones. During the early part of the winter there were many colds and a number of cases of whooping cough and measles and a few cases of scarlet fever and diphtheria. Miss Holeman is very careful in ascertaining the causes of absence and in preventing the spread of contagious diseases among the children.

A useful present, rubber tips for the chairs, from Mrs. Lamb, a member of the M. V. S. Society, brought pleasure to the visitors as well as to Miss Holeman and Miss Smith.

The children are taught many things in their songs and games. Now it is the farmer, sowing the seed and cutting the grain; now the miller, grinding the grain into meal and flour. At another time some cream was bought and churned into a roll of butter, which was used a day or two later on biscuits made by the children. I happened to be there on that day and I assure you they were truly proud of their work. At Thanksgiving time they were taken to the markets to see the supply of good things and to fill a basket for any of their number who were in special need at that time. Lucile Smith, aged 3, was the Kindergarten baby this winter. Miss Holeman wrote that she belonged to the Smith family who love the Kindergarten when very young, but later on play truant from both Kindergarten and school. The children present an excellent appearance in Kindergarten—quite a contrast to their condition at home. At Christmas time they had a tree and each child made a gift to take home. Their hearts were made glad by the M. V. S. Society stockings, which were filled with a variety of things—a woollen cap or mittens, as well as a few nuts, candy and an apple or orange and a small toy. The next day to be observed was Washington's Birthday. The youngsters looked attractive in their soldiers' caps and badges, and carrying flags. They seemed to be much interested in hearing about the flags of other nations as well. As the spring comes on the

children are much interested in Nature. They love the song of the pussy willow and watched every day for the beautiful butterfly to develop out of the cocoon which hung in the window. A Spring Festival was given at Neighborhood House the last of April and the Kindergarten took part in songs and games. The garden work is far behind this year on account of the cold weather.

Mrs. Somers and Mrs. Hensley anticipated the wishes of the children and invited them to spend another happy afternoon on the lawn of Senior House. About forty children were there and they had a rollicking time rolling to their heart's content on sofa cushions loaned by the girls. The Teddy bears, dogs, etc., were a positive joy to many, some of whom were very loath to give them up at all. Of course the climax of the afternoon was reached when they were given a very generous supply of ice cream and cake. This is the day of the year which they will remember longest I am sure, owing to the generous hospitality of Mrs. Somers and Mrs. Hensley and the members of the school, who so kindly gave their time to the entertainment of their youthful guests. I hope that each member of the Association may be able to visit the kindergarten at least once next year so that she may realize that a large and practical work is being done through the efforts of the M. V. S. Society.

May the two-fold object of this Society be kept in mind during this next year, not only in keeping up this fine work, but in more closely bringing together all M. V. S. girls.

REBECCA P. WARNER, *Regent.*

While the amount cleared on this years' Benefit exceeded that of last year by \$716.74 the number of contributions has fallen off from \$731.86 (June 1905 to October 1906) to \$36 for the half year ending May 18, 1907.

This is due largely to the fact that no special appeal has been made to the M. V. S. Society members since the first circulars were sent out. The treasury will have in it a balance of \$479.86 (approximate) October 30. This will pay the expenses of the kindergarten for three and one-half months, calculating the average monthly expense as \$136.00, or until the first week in February.

Miss Holeman's salary was raised from \$500 to \$550. Miss Smith's has remained \$450. The rent was reduced to \$30 per month instead of \$35 as last year, which makes the salaries and rents the same as they were. It is quite a responsibility to sign contracts in the spring for the entire salaries and rent when only enough for a few months ahead is in the treasury. I wish that the Society might be able to establish a reserve fund to fall back upon if necessary.

MARY MCCAULEY,
Treasurer of the M. V. S. Society.

Treasurer's Statement

Receipts October 30, 1906, to May 18, 1907:	
Amount in bank October 30.....	\$ 159.67
Net proceeds of benefit.....	1,721.74
Contributions.....	36.00
Total receipts.....	<u>\$1,917.41</u>
Salaries for year.....	\$1,000.00
Rental.....	360.00
Kindergarten expenses for year.....	56.88
Society expenses, printing, stationery, (approximate).....	10.77
Xmas stockings.....	10 00
Total.....	<u>\$1,437.65</u>
Amount received.....	1,917.11
Amount paid out.....	1,437.65
Balance.....	<u>\$ 479.76</u>

The New York M. V. S. Club.

Mrs. Somers went to New York early in the school year, and while there on December 3, gave a reception at the Waldorf-Astoria to all M. V. S. girls resident in New York and its vicinity. In spite of the very unfavorable weather, a large number were present, and as a direct result of this reunion an M. V. S. Club consisting of graduates and all who have been members of the school was formed with Mrs. Frances Thirlkeld Coleman as president. The Society has taken a room at the London Tea Rooms which is known as the Mount Vernon Seminary Room, where the members may lunch at any time. Here a tea is given the first Monday of each month during the winter season, and all teachers and pupils of M. V. S. are cordially invited and will be heartily welcomed by the members of the Club. The members have made frequent use of the room for luncheons and teas. They hope to make the tea room well known to all M. V. S. girls visiting in New York as well as to the residents. A book is provided in which each M. V. S. visitor is asked to register, and where she will find the names and addresses of all resident members. It is hoped that all M. V. S. girls will make a point of visiting the tea room when in New York. It is not only a very pleasant and convenient place to eat one's luncheon or tea, but there will always be a chance of seeing some familiar face to recall school days, and there is an opportunity to look up in the register any friends one is anxious to see.

The M. V. S. Club in New York hopes to take up some work later on, either in connection with our

society in Washington or in some local charity not yet decided upon.

The dues of the Club are \$3.00 paid yearly, on or before April 1, to the treasurer, Mrs. Irene Rosenfield Strauss, 12 East Thirty-first Street, New York City.

The first year has been so successful that it is hoped another year may add much to the strength and usefulness of the Society.

LONDON TEA ROOMS,
291 Fifth Avenue, New York.

School Happenings

October thirty-first, Hallowe'en, was the night of the first entertainment of the year. The old girls entertained the new in an evening with "Mother Goose." Everybody came in costume representing some nursery rhyme or fairy story, and the program made itself quite simple by the performance of each character or group of characters of their special well-known rhymes or stories. A prize was given for the best costume, and was awarded to the "Three Bears" after a close competition with the "Three Blind Mice" and the "Three Little Kittens that Lost their Mittens." The prize was a large, beautiful goose, carried during the evening by "Mother Goose" herself, Margaret Jennings, '07.

Soon after that a heavy snow storm came, and the new girls took the old girls sleigh-riding.

Thanksgiving Mrs. Somers and the "old girls" gave a most enjoyable dinner dance.

The first of the society entertainments occurred shortly after the holidays. I. T. S. reviewed an old-fashioned entertainment, and on Saturday evening, February second, presented to an enthusiastic audience, an exhibition of wax works, conducted in this case, not by the famous Mrs. Jarley, but by a French lady of equally attractive personality. Madame Heureuse.

B. T. S. gave the yearly play the evening of Washington's birthday, February twenty-second. "In Cherry Blossom Time" was the title, and it was a charmingly given play, with exquisite costuming and settings.

The evening of March twenty-third, V. V. gave "Une Petite Fête Champêtre," in which the singing was delightful and the costumes most attractive. It was a cleverly presented and thoroughly enjoyable entertainment.

April the thirteenth, T. B. U. presented its annual magazine, a morality interlude, "The Marriage of Wit and Science," being given the latter part of the evening. The production of the interlude and of the whole magazine represented much serious and original work on the part of the members of the Society.

Senior Essays, 1907

The Senior essays read before the entire school April the twenty-ninth were a symposium on "The Brotherhood of Man." The discussion aimed to establish the unity in the variety of the human race and the mutual dependence of mankind.

The physical basis for this claim was the theme of the first three essays: "The Evolution of Man," by Agnes McGrew Ballock; the "Distribution of Races," by Genevieve Crosby Walding, and "Social Evolution," by Margaret Jenifer Jennings.

The intellectual basis for the claim was suggested by the study of select national types—of China, Japan, Greece, Italy, Germany, France, Spain, England, Russia and the United States, and the contributions of those Nations to the civilization of the world. These essays, nineteen in all, were written by Gertrude Scott Hewitt, Rose Randall Robertson, Frances Mildred Edmonston, Elizabeth Ferris, Janet Milne, Gertrude Mulford, Edith Gillis Fry, Margaret de Lannoy Gage, Irene Smythe McKinney, Alverta Bird Ellis, Mildred Johnson, Ethel Sarah Hewitt, Helen Kingsbury Myers, Mary Eleanor Beall, Josephine Foster, Evelyn Chapman Rouse, Margaret Stephenson Hodgins, Virginia Leslie Johnson and Gladys Evalyn Sherin.

The last four essays were concerned with the moral obligations resulting from this unity, and were written by Kate Van Nuys, Ruth McCallum Dayton, Marion Luther Foster and Allison More. Miss More's essay was selected to be read class night, and on school day Miss Dayton's was read.

The essays, individually and collectively, were a splendid achievement and a credit to the class of 1907, to Miss Cole and to M. V. S.

The evening of May second the Juniors gave a most delightful banquet to the Seniors.

May the ninth the Seniors gave a tea in Senior House, in honor of Miss Jeanne Eddy, to which the Faculty alone was invited.

The one installation of the year in the Order of the Lily took place on the evening of May twelfth, when ten girls were installed with unusually beautiful ceremony.

Births

June 22, 1905, a daughter, Elizabeth Massey, to Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Mallam, '96.

June 28, 1906, a daughter, Winifred Phillips, to Mrs. Grace Phillips Johnson, '97.

June 28, 1906, a daughter, Marguerite Rushing, to Mrs. Mazie Brown Mésny, '94.

December 2, 1906, a daughter, Harriet Hudson, to Mrs. Mary Belle Hudson Coffin, '03.

December 24, 1906, a daughter, to Mrs. Angeline Munger Delaney, '05.

December 31, 1906, a son, Gordon Welshous, to Mrs. Lois Torinus Tolen, '04.

February 7, 1907, a son, James Wade, to Mrs. Elizabeth Duncan Mallam, '96.

March 8, 1907, a son, William Durant, to Mrs. Margery Durant Campbell, '05.

April, 1907, a daughter, Edith Isidor, to Mrs. Edith Hancock Allen, '94.

May 17, 1907, a daughter, to Mrs. Helen Michener Halstead, '00.

Marriages

Miss Helen Marquis Mills, '03, to Mr. Harold Wright Bell, October 3, 1906.

Miss Clara Josephine Noyes, '03, to Mr. Roy Palmer Crary, November 8, 1906.

Miss Leonora Courts, '01, to Mr. Alfred R. Glancey, November 14, 1906.

Miss Miriam Ida Prince, '03, to Mr. Julius I. Peyser, October 19, 1906.

Miss Norinne Sanders, '97, to Mr. James Harvey Anderson, Jr., November 20, 1906.

Miss Helen Hurst, '92, to Mr. Edward Oliver Gordon, December 10, 1906.

Miss Eleanor K^{ate} Sowers, '96, to Major Samson Lane Fa^{ison}, December 19, 1906.

Miss Catherine Smith Rollo, '03, to Mr. James Norman Wright.

Miss Alice Frances Stone, '04, to Mr. Leander Wait Farmer, January 1, 1907.

Miss Mariou Dall, '01, to Mr. Charles Connor, January 15, 1907.

Miss Marie Louise Peters, '04, to Mr. Spencer Edwin Thorns, January 15, 1907.

Miss India Bell Vedder Fleming, '06, to Doctor Don Louis F. Corea, February 27, 1907.

Miss Jerome Broocks Cartwright, '03, to Mr. William Creston Head, March 26, 1907.

Miss Grace Hills, '04, to Mr. Le Roy Woodland, April 3, 1907.

Miss Helen Slater, '98, to Doctor William Johnston Mallory, May 2, 1907.

Miss Mary Grosvenor Day, '04, to Mr. Oliver T. Boyd, June 1, 1907.

Deaths

—— 1905, Myrtle Baird Chrisholm, '92.

August, 1906, father of Mrs. Adalyn Smith Holden, '79.

August 12, 1906, Elizabeth Fletcher Slaughter, '99.

December 12, 1906, Edna Lake Hess, '95.

January 18, 1907, mother of Elsie Seeligmann, '02.

February, 1907, mother of Nannie Skillman, '88.

April, 1907, Mr. T. C. Slater, father of Mrs. Helen Slater Mallory, '98.

April 6, 1907, mother of Eleanor Bartlett, '02.

April 10, 1907, mother of Mary McCauley, '93.

May, 1907, youngest son of Mrs. Nettie Steinmetz Bains, '86.

June 11, 1907, Senator John Tyler Morgan, father of Cornelia Irby Morgan, '81.

In Memoriam.

ELIZABETH FLETCHER, '99.

(MRS. GABRIEL F. SLAUGHTER)

August 12, 1906.

Another link in the chain has been broken, and the Class of 1899 mourns its well-loved president.

Those who were permitted to share Elizabeth's school life feel deeply and sincerely the loss of a personality so full of strength and nobility. The lives which she touched were helped by the example of her sweet womanliness, and she has left in their hearts a memory full of love and fruitful still of helpfulness to all who knew her.

The members of the class sympathize most deeply with those to whom she was most dear, and express to them their sorrow over the loss of one whom they can never cease to remember with tender love and deep appreciation of her influence in their lives.

THE WASHINGTON MEMBERS

OF THE CLASS OF 1899.

At her home in New York City, on December 12, 1906, Edna Greer Lake Hess, '95.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in the mysterious workings of his Providence, to call to his own our beloved friend and schoolmate, Edna Lake Hess :

Resolved, That in her death, the Alumnæ Association of M. V. S. has lost a valued member, one who was ever loyal and true.

Resolved, That we tender our heart-felt sympathy to her bereaved husband and sorrowing parents.

LILLIE BOWEN FAIRFAX,

LAURA BLANCHE POLKINHORN.

Personals

Mrs. Somers will be at Bluemont until July first. Her plans for the summer are not yet made.

Mrs. Hensley went to Boston early in June to attend the wedding of Mary Grosvenor Day, '04, to Mr. Oliver T. Boyd, a brother of Miss Anna Boyd, '04.

Mrs. Eddy, Josephine Eddy, '01, and Elizabeth Eddy were welcome visitors at the school during the spring term.

Miss Lorna Guard and Miss Dunster sailed on the twenty-first of June. Miss Guard to spend the summer in Italy and Switzerland, Miss Dunster to remain in Germany for a year's study.

Other members of the faculty who are going abroad this summer are Miss Keller, Miss Cole, Miss Sampson and Miss Kurtz, who takes the school party this year. Miss Sampson, who is going with Edith Marion Aldrich, '06, and Anne Stevenson Cass, '06, expects to go to the North Cape during the summer.

Miss Anne Seymour Ames, '81, was in Jamaica for her health at the time of the earthquake. Fortunately she escaped injury and returned immediately to Germantown, where she spent the remainder of the winter with her family. Her mother is very ill.

Mrs. Phila Calder Nye, '91, spent October at the school and was again in Washington in January to attend the wedding of Marion Dall Connor, '01.

Mrs. Payne has been in Paris during the winter studying singing with Frank King Clark. She will return in September, after a summer of travel with Miss Lorna Guard.

Mrs. Tallmadge was a very welcome visitor at the school this winter. She accompanied Mrs. Somers to Augusta, Georgia, where they spent several weeks.

Miss Caroline W. Janney, '96, and Miss Alice E. Edwards, '93, are spending two weeks with Mrs. Somers at Bluemont, as they do every year.

The engagement is announced of Miss Catherine Ridgley, '02, to Mr. Phelps Brown of Indianapolis, Indiana. The wedding will take place in October.

Miss Adela Hancock, '90, was a member of the Faculty this winter.

Mrs. Mary Rankin Goulder, '78, of Cleveland, spent some weeks in the city during the winter and visited many of her former school friends.

Mrs. Elsa Chamberlain Mower, '91, of Chicago, called at the school early in June. She was on her way to New York to sail for Europe where she will spend the summer.

The engagement is announced of Miss Browne, '02, to Mr. Paul Alexander Blair, of Washington, D. C.

The out-of-town girls who have visited at the school or elsewhere in the city during the winter are : Florence Ingram, '02 ; Elizabeth Rouse, '02 ; Elsie Elmore, '04 ; Anna Boyd, '04 ; Mrs. Mary Day Boyd, '04 ; Mrs. Annabel Baggaly Hines, '05 ; Bella Rosa Barry, '05 ; Virgie Whitcomb, '05 ; Belle Boone, '05 ; Florence Brace, '05 ; Blanche Plamondon, '05 ; and her sister ; and the following of the Class of 1906 : Emeline Spry, Edith Aldrich, Anne Cass, Fritz Gardner, Dorothy Willing, Edith Meacham, Margare

Oeland, Sarah Cox, Jean Fitch, Plowdon Stevens, Helen Marsh, Hazel Newhall, Ruth Prentiss, Dorothy Jewett, Margery Hill and Adelaide King.

At the Alumnae Reunion and during commencement week, the Class of 1906 was well represented by nine out-of-town girls and three town members.

Miss Florence Grandin, '96, and Miss Alice Grandin, '02, spent the winter in Washington.

Miss Edna McKnew, '05, and her mother, returned from Paris in April.

Miss Emma Patten, '05, has been studying singing the past year in Paris, with Frank King Clark.

Miss Caroline E. Porte, '82, and Miss Caroline M. Lacey, '04, are now abroad. Miss Mary Isabel Potter, '85; Miss Grace Duncan Wright, '94; Miss Ruth Halford, '01; Miss Elinor Thomas Wood, '03; and Miss Emeline Wilce Spry, '06; are to spend the summer in Europe.

Miss Grace Terrill, '96, visited Miss Marsh Rees, '96, in Pittsburg during September, and Mrs. Grace Phillips Johnson, '97, in New Castle, Pa. Miss Terrill is now in Cuba.

Mrs. Louise Prentiss True, '84, has been elected musical director of the Friday Morning Music Club of Washington for the coming year.

Mrs. Mary Bradford Stone, '88, with her small son, Bradford, will spend the summer in the Whittier country near Amesbury, Mass., where Mrs. Stone's sister, Faith Bradford, '00, will join her for the month of August.

Mrs. Addie Burr Clark, '88, spoke very enthusiastically of the reception given by Mrs. Somers last winter to the New York members of M. V. S., which resulted in the formation of an M. V. S. Club in that city.

Miss Anna Hasselman, '92, spent the winter in New York studying Art History at Columbia, and also painting at the Chase School of Art.

Miss Florence Holtzman was married in June to Mr. Thomas Rote Weymouth, a brother of Grace Weymouth, '95. Mrs. Weymouth has been studying the past year in Europe with several eminent teachers, fitting herself for singing in opera the coming season.

Mrs. Frances Thirkeld Coleman, '96, expects to leave New York this summer to live in California.

Miss Theda Buck, '00, of Bramwell, W. Va., had among her guests last summer, Miss Faith Bradford, of the Class of 1900.

Miss Marguerite Bowen Macomber, '04, has been studying singing in Boston all winter.

Miss Margaret Oeland, '06, has been studying designing at Pratt Institute in New York, all winter.

Miss Ancinette Gardner, '06, made her debut the tenth of November, and Miss Emeline Spry, '06, "came out" the twenty-ninth of December.

Miss Gertrude Fry, '05, Miss Edna McKnew, '05, and Miss Ruth Campbell, '05, visited Miss Bella Rosa Barry, '05, at her home in Knoxville, Tenn., this spring.

Miss Evelyn Rouse who graduated this year, is a sister of Elizabeth Rouse, '02, who was at commencement this year.

Miss Mary Eleanor Beall who graduated this year, is a daughter of the late Mrs. Mary Sanders Beall, '79. Miss Beall will return next year. She has two younger sisters still in M. V. S.

Jane Stotsenburg, a non-graduate, was married March twentieth, to Captain Leon Benjamin Kromer, U. S. A. They went to Cuba immediately after the marriage.

Louise Coleman has been playing during the past season at the Belasco Theatre in New York, a role in "The Rose of the Rancho."

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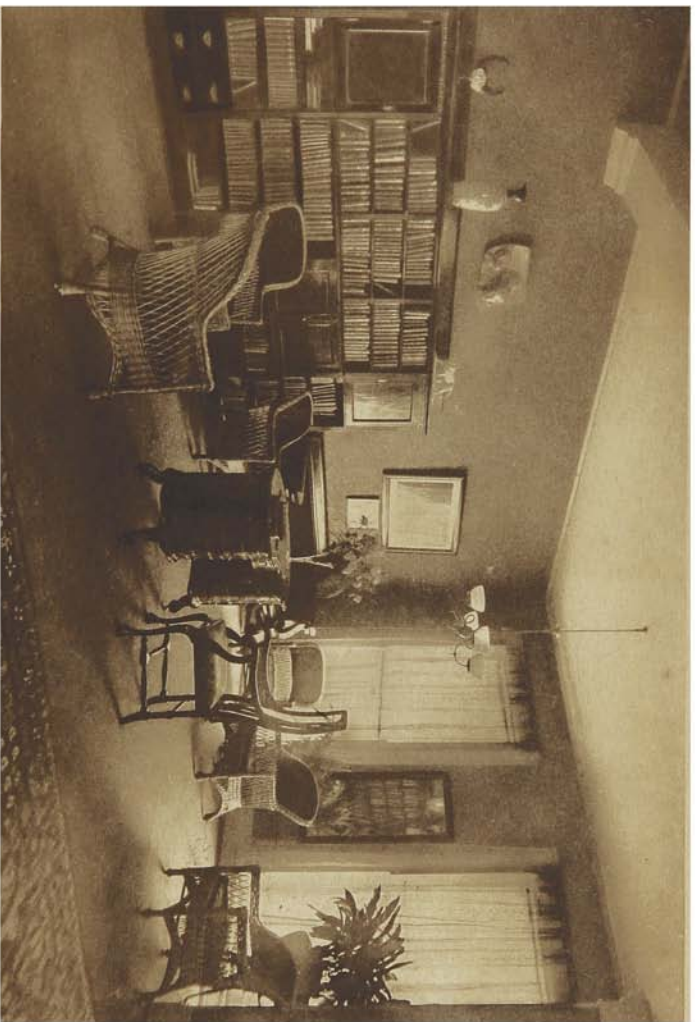
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*To All Members of the Alumnae Association
of Mt. Vernon Seminary.*

Greeting:

Through the generosity of Mrs. Somers this twentieth Annual of the Alumnae Association is being sent to every one of its members, although subscriptions have been received from less than two-thirds of its full number. The Annual is sent with a desire of bringing into closer touch with M. V. S. those who have dropped out of active interest and work in the Association. The "Old Girls" are not forgotten in the school of which they have been loved and trusted members, and it is hoped and believed that their interest will be so quickened by the coming of this "Annual" with its news of the old school friends, and its reminders of the old school life, that in future they will not fail of keeping in vital touch with their Alma Mater through subscription to this yearly messenger.

The Alumnae Reunion

ON Saturday, May 16th, at eleven o'clock, the Alumnae Reunion was held in the music-room. The meeting having been called to order by the President, Miss Rachel Coffin, '88, Miss Caroline Janney, '96, presented to the Association the class of 1908, which numbers twenty-nine, the largest class that has ever been graduated by M. V. S. The President welcomed the class with the following words:

"Members of the Class of 1908:

"All our lives we are opening gates into different roads." For a little while you have travelled together and have reached the same goal. You have attained the high honors which our Alma Mater confers upon you and by virtue of which you become her Alumnae. You have chosen as your motto, "Sincerity." Words grow in meaning as we grow in experience. "Sincerity!" It means much to you already; you will fill it with deeper meaning as you yourselves, through experiences, get a deeper insight into life.

"He only earns his freedom and existence,

Who daily conquers them anew."

"We, who have travelled farther along our various roads than you, give you greeting. Twenty years ago my own class, that of '88, stood where you stand now. To-day every member of that class is here to greet you. We, the M. V. S. Alumnae, give you a hearty welcome, and our assurance that we shall rely upon your sincerity of purpose, and your enthusiasm, to bring strength to our Association."

The response was made by the class president, Miss Helen Unger:

"Mrs. Somers, Madam President and Members of the Association:

"We, the youngest members, greatly appreciate your welcome into the Alumnæ Association, doubly so because we know that with joining your ranks comes the strengthening of ties binding us to the old school and to friendships formed here. We are happy not to leave feeling as if we were cut loose from all the interests and influences which have so far shaped our lives, but realizing the bond of this Association, we shall be spurred on to higher and nobler deeds, thereby upholding the honored name of M. V. S.

"As the class of 1908 enters the Alumnæ Association, it is with the earnest wish that in the advancement of the interest of the school, and in the life of service in the world to which she is called, she may be worthy of the royal purple as she is true to her motto, 'Sincerity.'"

One of the most pleasurable features of the Reunion followed—the calling of the roll of the Association by Mrs. Somers. Of the thirty-three classes that have now been graduated, nineteen were represented by one or more members. Every member of the class of 1888 was present, and the class of 1907 was represented by twelve members, seven of whom were out-of-town girls. Mrs. Somers has never before called the roll of the Association, but we hope that she will do so again many times.

After the reports of the treasurer and the corresponding secretary, the President introduced Mrs. Addie Burr Clark, '88, president of the New York M. V. S. Club, who told of some of the things the club has been doing this winter. The club has forty-one members, and they frequently meet for tea at the M. V. S. room in the London tea rooms. Mrs. Clark said that she had never stopped there for

tea without seeing one or two M. V. S. girls, either members of the club or visitors in New York. Later the club hopes to take up some charitable work either in connection with the M. V. S. Society or in some local organization.

Miss Rebecca P. Warner, regent of the M. V. S. Society, gave an account of the society's work for the year, which report will be found elsewhere. Mrs. Somers said a few words about the Society, and urged that all girls connected with the school take more active interest, so that it may be made easier to carry on the work. Mrs. Somers especially emphasized the need of a larger membership, so that it would not be necessary to make the effort that is required every year for a big public benefit. Mrs. Hensley, too, made a very earnest plea for interest in the Society, and said that she was sure no one could pay a visit to the kindergarten without becoming aware of the good it is doing. One could not help but realize then how vitally it affects the lives of not only the children—whose one opportunity it is—but also of the parents. With an enrollment of fifty-one, the kindergarten affects, for the better inevitably, a wide and, we hope, a widening circle of families.

Miss Coffin then explained that this year there would be no entertainment preceding the luncheon. The meeting was adjourned and the Association went to the chapel, where, amid flowers and palms, the luncheon was served. At the entrance to the chapel, each member of the baby class, 1908, was considerably provided with a bib.

Miss Coffin introduced the toast-mistress, Miss Nannie Van Dyke Skillman, '88, with the following words:

"Mrs. Somers and Members of the Association:

"To the post of toast-mistress many were called—one has chosen to accept that honor.

"It is said of the late Duke of Devonshire that his speeches were "prepared in anguish and delivered in misery." I'm afraid some of us are like that. The day may come when some of you may fill these honored offices.

"Thus the whirligig of time brings in his revenges."

Miss Skillman has kindly consented to act as toast-mistress."

Miss Skillman replied with the following:

"Mrs Somers, Madam President, Members of the Association:

"I beg leave to reply to this speech. Frankly, I don't exactly like it—at least its implications.

I will pass over the first part, that many were called to the post of toast-mistress and but one chose to accept; it is humbling to my pride, but never mind. The implication is that the office of toast-mistress is an unpleasant one. In the name of all my toast-mistress ancestors I must deny this. Really our speeches have not been "prepared in anguish and delivered in misery;" we have had a thoroughly good time. The spirit our president should have tried to arouse is one that was expressed the other day by a member of our Association. She said that at the next business meeting she intends to request that she herself be made toast-mistress. Think of that! I believe I will ask you to drink to the success of our future toast-mistresses. Miss Walker, you have been toast-mistress, will you speak for us?

To our future toast-mistresses: 'Be aisy. If you can't be aisy, be as aisy as you can.'

Miss Walker, '80, responded with the following:

"Mrs. Somers, Madam Toast-mistress and Members of the Alumnae Association:

"We all know that Mt. Vernon Seminary is ever active in good works, and now that its Free Kindergarten is fairly established, I fain would lay before

you, a project which I am sure will appeal to your hearts and to your minds. Knowing that a proper setting is a large element toward success, I have thought long and prayerfully of a suitable designation. Latin is sententious, French graceful, German scientific, but I have passed these by for plain English. I ask your interest and co-operation in founding a "*School for the Compulsory Education of Matrons as Toast-mistresses for the Mt. Vernon Seminary Alumnae Association.*" I use the term "*Matrons*" advisedly, not in jealousy nor in envy but as an act of simple justice. For in looking over the *Annals* I find that all save four of the past toast-mistresses have been spinsters.

I suggest as a preliminary course, a class in *Roast-mistressy* which shall consist of instruction in wit, originality, good nature, sprightly anecdote and a complete knowledge of the fads and foibles of the members of the Association. I do not place here *personal magnetism*, for I find that, according to late definition, many of our matrons possess that in eminent degree. The definition I accept is one recently given by a waiter at Harvey's who avers that the secret of Secretary Taft's popularity is his "pussonal magnitude."

The regular course shall consist of two sections. No. 1. *The Department of Legitimate Excuse*, whose faculty shall be a physician in good and reputable standing, who shall instruct in physical culture and hygiene, and advise as to the proper month for leaving the city; and a teacher of Domestic Science, who shall regulate the correct amount of time to be given to husband, home and children. No. 2. *The Department of Spiritual Graces*, or *Classes in Elimination and Substitution*—elimination of reluctance, hesitation and declination, substitution of fortitude, courage and graceful acceptance. Armed with her diploma and with that sense of preparedness

which, in itself averts disaster, we can see the Toast-mistress of the future, yearning for an opportunity to display her knowledge. As far as she is concerned, no Nominating Committee shall be necessary, and the President in dispensing the favor, will be in a position of that very popular lady whose husband having died, married again. This second spouse was, within a year, removed from the scene of his earthly activities. A gentleman who realized that to his own lack of energy was due the fact that he had been twice left forlorn, decided to act promptly, and when the widow returned from the cemetery, met her at the door and delicately conveyed to her the hope that he might be her third choice. The lady was evidently moved; she hesitated a moment; "I regret," she said at length, "to disappoint you, but Mr. Brown asked me at the grave."

At the close of Miss Walker's response, Miss Skillman said it had been suggested that it might be well in admitting the new class to this august body, to test their ability. Therefore the older members were to consider themselves free to ask various members of the baby class, any simple questions, during the course of the luncheon. Many members availed themselves of this opportunity, and the answers afforded much amusement.

The first toast was to "*Duty*," proposed by Miss Skillman with the following words:

"Mrs. Somers, Madam President, Members of the Association:

"Perhaps you will wonder that I ask you to pledge a toast to Duty. Think how universal, how eternal it is. It stands before man and woman, youth and old age; wherever you turn it is beside you. Whether you look upon it as did the little boy who said "that duty was eating what you didn't like," or

as one of those happy ones of whom Wordsworth said,

“Blest hearts, without reproach or blot,

Who do thy work and know it not,”

in either case it is the performing of duty that makes life worth living.

To Duty—

“Stern lawgiver, yet thou dost wear

The God-head’s most benignant grace,

Nor know we anything so fair

As is the smile upon thy face.”

Miss Dugan, of the class of 1908, responded:

“Through the last generation man has developed more and more toward the realization of his social obligations, of the necessity of social solidarity, the realization that our true welfare is not an individual matter purely, but a social affair. We thrive in the exaltation and elevation of our fellows. So we, going out into the world, must realize that our duty lies not in our own individual development, but in our associating ourselves with our fellow-men and sharing with them their joys and sufferings. So closely connected are we with our fellow men that our worthiness or unworthiness affects the worthiness or unworthiness of the whole world. Thus it is our duty to undertake the responsibility of relieving the weak and erring and uplifting the poor and unfortunate, for, as Margaret Fuller says, “While one man remains base, no man can become altogether great and noble.” It has been said that each of us has a function to fulfill in the world; when these functions are performed by moral beings we call them duties. The one thing needful for a healthful social life is that each one should fulfill his function, do his duty. If we wish to live together usefully we must obey the law of life, which is service. Then, and not until then, can we expect to reach the ideal condition in which:

“The love of God and neighbor,
An equal-handed labor:
The richer life, where beauty
Walks hand in hand with duty.”

Miss Skillman next proposed a toast to “*Youth*,” as follows:

“As our first toast was to *Duty*, which we all have whether or no, our second is to *Youth*, which all desire to keep. It has been ever so, from the time of Ponce de Leon in his search for the fountain of youth, to the modern woman who visits the beauty doctors, seeking to preserve a semblance of what she is losing. Yet youth is abroad in the world, all may have it and the joy of it, if but the spirit of youth be ours. An example of this is Peter Pan, the boy who wouldn’t grow old.

“Who are you, Pan?
I am youth, eternal youth,
I am the sun rising—
I am poets singing. I’m the new world,
I’m a little bird that has broken out of its egg.
I’m joy, joy, joy!”

Miss Grace Janney, ‘00, responded:

“*Mrs. Somers, Madam President and Members of the Alumnae Association:*

“Doubtless you are expecting pearls of wisdom and of wit to fall from my lips, and so I feel that it will be wisest to disabuse your minds of any such hope for,

“Hope tells a flattering tale,
Delusive, vain and hollow.
Ah, let not Hope prevail
Lest disappointments follow.”

Just what, I wonder, does our Toast-mistress want me to say about youth. Does she expect me to repeat what we have all heard millions of times—that this

country of ours is young and crude, and that even in New York "nothing is old except the faces of the young men?" Or that Chauncey Depew insists he is seventy-five years young, and that the beauty doctors of Paris can make the bloom of youth adorn all cheeks for all time by the simple process of tatooing? Or does she expect me to give a deep and learned quotation from Froebel on very young children? Perhaps this is what she means:

"There's an island way off in the seas
Where babies grow mostly on trees;
It's the jolliest fun
To swing in the sun,
But they have to look out how they sneeze.
They might break themselves off,
With a sneeze or a cough,
And tumble down flat on their knees.

They lie on the ground in a pile,
And people come after awhile.
But they quickly pass by
The babies that cry
And pick up the babies that smile;
They even take twins—if they smile!"

But no! One glance at her scornful face assures me that as yet I have failed to interpret her meaning. Can it be that she means that wonderful youth that was at the world's beginning and may be ours to the end of all time? Physically we grow old; the white hairs and the wrinkles come, and our joints rebel against childish play. But our spirit is our own to make and keep broad and young and vigorous, and alive to the great ideals of the world. We can all say with Wordsworth:

"Then sing, ye birds, sing, sing a joyous song
And let the young lambs bound
As to the tabor's sound!
We, in thought, will join your throng,

Ye that pipe and ye that play,
Ye that through your hearts to-day
Feel the gladness of the May!"

Why is it that we—a goodly company surely—come back year after year to M. V. S.? What does it stand for to us, its children? Truly M. V. S. stands to all of us for the gladdest and the noblest part of our May, for there we created our ideals of the true, the beautiful and the good—the ideals that are to keep us young when grandchildren cluster around our knees. Where should we more fitly come for a draught from the fountain of perpetual youth than to the place from which the noblest and best of our young life has come; and who can help us in our search for perpetual youth better than our dear School Mother who is, in spirit, the youngest of us all!"

Our Toast-mistress next proposed *Beauty*.. "All would possess beauty; unless we have it we long to acquire or achieve it. Think how men fought and died for the possession of Helen of Troy, the symbol of perfect beauty. Yet beauty must contain two factors, the material and the spiritual. Plato calls beauty "the splendor of the free," and Emerson says "unless we carry it with us we find it not." So to universal Beauty, whether expressed in color, form, sound, face or character, I will ask you to drink a toast.

"Truth is beauty, beauty truth. That is all ye know on earth and all ye need to know."

Mrs. Phila Calder Nye, '91, wrote this beautiful response, which was read by Miss Ruth Halford, '01:

"The sunset's quivering color hides the opal's core:
In form majestic mountains tower lake and village
o'er.

The sound of glorious music wakes us to another
sphere,

Yet loses half its meaning can we not its pleasure
share.

These outward forms of beauty lead us on to
greater height,

For true beauty lies within us—none deny that
power and might.

So, when we toast that beauty, we of M. V. S.—

We turn unto our Leader and to her our toast
address."

The Association then sang the new school song, presented by the class of 1908, and written by one of its members, Dorothy Landers Beall, daughter of Mary Landers Beall, of the class of '79. Before the singing of it, Miss Harbaugh told us the origin of the air, "Maryland, My Maryland," to which the song is written.

"In the early days of the Civil War the words of the song appeared in a Southern paper. Miss Cary, at that time scarcely more than a school-girl, and later for many years principal of the "Southern Home School," Baltimore, found the music for it in an old German festal air, "Tannenbaum," "The Fir Tree"; and the song became a Southern classic. "Tannenbaum, O Tannenbaum," sturdy and strong, and long of life; green alike in winter storm and summer sun, how fitting we should sing thy music to our loved fir tree.—'M. V. S.'"

TO M. V. S.

Tune, "Maryland, My Maryland."

I

We come to sing thy cheerful praise,
M. V. S., our M. V. S.
Our happy hearts to thee we raise,
M. V. S., dear M. V. S.
We bring our thanks, our loyalty,
Our homage to thy royalty;
With reverent song thy name we bless,
M. V. S., dear M. V. S.

II

Oh, festive days, and happy days,
M. V. S., our M. V. S.
Oh, merry frolics—kindly ways
M. V. S., dear M. V. S.
We turn to thee in every thought,
For every sorrow that we brought,
Thou hast returned us hopefulness,
M. V. S., dear M. V. S.

III

In all the years thy daughters throng
M. V. S., dear M. V. S.
Their love for thee is pure and strong,
M. V. S., oh, M. V. S.
The classes leave thy stately door
Resolved to live and labor more,
And earnestly their debt confess
To M. V. S., our M. V. S.

IV

Oh, dear school Home of happy youth,
M. V. S., our M. V. S.
Stand long in graciousness and truth,
M. V. S., our M. V. S.
We wear thy flower loyally,
Thy colors pure our pride shall be,
Thro' all our lives our song shall bless
M. V. S., dear M. V. S.

DOROTHY LANDERS BEALL.

Treasurer's Report

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	\$190.55
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Balance on hand -----	\$150.47

Commencement Week

THE festivities of Commencement week began with the Piano and Song Recital, which took place Friday evening, May fifteenth, in the music-room. The graduating class was splendidly represented by Miss Josephine Eddy, who played twice, and Miss Minnie L. Bryant, who sang charmingly.

The next day the Alumnæ held their annual Reunion, and welcomed into their number the class of 1908. That evening the Seniors planted their class flower, the Iris, in the garden of Senior House.

On Sunday, the Baccalaureate sermon was given by Rev. Charles Wood, D.D., pastor of the Church of the Covenant.

Tuesday was School Day, and the exercises were very interesting, a number of Seniors taking part in the program.

Wednesday night, the Class Day Exercises took place in the chapel, when the Class History, Lamentation and Prophecy were read. Later there was a reception to the guests of the Seniors in the music-room.

Commencement Day, May twentieth, was dull and glowering, but within the ball-room of the New Willard, spring decorations made a fine setting for the dainty gowns of the graduates and in the audience, friends and members of former classes gathered to do them homage. An orchestra, under the leadership of Mr. Josef Kaspar, gave the instrumental numbers, and Francesca Kaspar, '00, sang charmingly. "The Response to Life," by Rev. Charles

Wood, D.D., was an inspiration, and opened with a beautiful tribute to the speaker of last year, the late Bishop of Washington. Mrs. Somers presented the diplomas and after the benediction, the entire audience joined in singing as a recessional the new school song, "To M. V. S.," written by Dorothy Landers Beall, '08.

The program was as follows:

Program

PROCESSIONAL *Gounod*

OVERTURE—DER FREISCHUTZ *Weber*

PRAYER

REV. S. H. WOODROW, D.D.

SONG—ANGELS EVER BRIGHT AND FAIR . . *Handel*

MISS KASPAR

ADDRESS TO GRADUATING CLASS

THE RESPONSE TO LIFE '. REV. CHARLES WOOD, D.D.

INTERMEZZO *Delibes*

SONG—"WITH VERDURE CLAD" *Haydn*

MISS KASPAR

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

LARGO *Handel*

BENEDICTION

REV. S. H. WOODROW, D.D.

CORONATION MARCH *Meyerbeer*

SCHOOL SONG *German Air—Tannenbaum*

Words by Dorothy Landers Beall, '08

MUSICAL DIRECTOR, MR. JOSEPH KASPAR

M. V. S. Society

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Regent's Report

The M. V. S. Society entered upon its third year of existence October 29, 1908, and has been continuing its fine work in maintaining the Free Kindergarten at Neighborhood House. The children have been unusually well, and the work has been going on satisfactorily. The Kindergarten opened September 25th with thirty-three pupils and this number soon increased to fifty-one, which is the largest enrollment of this winter. The enrollment necessarily changes each month on account of withdrawals and new entries. The average attendance has been thirty-six. A large number of children who make application cannot be taken in on account of lack of room. Visiting the Kindergarten by its Post Graduates is so popular that at times there is a great scarcity of chairs.

Miss Smith, who was our Assistant Director last

year, withdrew from the M. V. S. Society Kindergarten in November to accept a position in a Long Island school. Her place was taken by Miss Kent, who has been doing good work among the children all winter. Miss Price, one of the students at Rust Hall, has also been helping with the work.

First in the special lessons of the year come the thoughts about Thanksgiving time and an effort is made to stir a feeling of gratitude in the hearts of the children, and the spirit of giving is taught by asking each child to bring a trifle to contribute to the comfort of others. December is a busy month. The toy shops must be visited, Christmas songs learned, and preparations made for the Christmas tree, on which is hung a present from each child in the Kindergarten to father, mother or sister. The special feature of February is the celebration of Washington's birthday in a patriotic manner. The spring days bring their delights. Now it is a visit to a neighboring kindergarten, now a walk to see the beauties of nature, and when the sun is bright work is done in the little gardens. Their friends have been very kind to the children and have given them many things to add to their pleasure.

The Lend a Hand Society was most generous in contributing twelve (\$12) dollars toward the fund for the Christmas stockings. The M. V. S. Society voted that eleven (\$11) dollars be set aside out of the treasury, and a total of twenty-three (\$23) dollars was spent in filling forty-eight stockings, which were distributed Christmas eve, and which brought joy to the hearts of the children. There was something useful for each child as well as a toy, and a generous taste of the good things such as fruit, nuts and candy. Miss Holeman could not enjoy this Christmas at the Kindergarten on account of the serious illness and death of her father during the holidays.

Miss Harding, of the Flower Guild, sent flowers many times to the Kindergarten, thus helping to beautify the rooms.

The Seminary girls made a most generous gift to the children in sending them a new sand table, and this was received with great joy. The Glee Club added to our Treasury the fine sum of \$133, the proceeds of the concert which they so kindly gave for our benefit.

A little later on the M. V. S. Society will give the youngsters a trip to the Zoo, which always delights their hearts. Miss Holeman visited several kindergartens in New York during the Easter vacation and reported that our work compared very favorably with theirs.

The greeting they give you to-day is, "Come and see us—how happy we are, and how much you are doing for us."

At our March meeting a change was made in the Constitution, making it possible to have nominal dues in order to bind the members a little more closely together as a society and also to form a yearly sum to be depended upon. The dues are to be one dollar for members living in Washington and two dollars for non-residents. This was considered a fair division as the members who live here have the additional work of getting up a benefit each fall.

To be permanent and successful the M. V. S. Society must have the hearty co-operation and support of all M. V. S. girls. Let each one take a live interest in its development and try to find other M. V. S. girls to bring in. With hearty thanks to those who have helped us in the past, and with an earnest hope for the ever-increasing strength of our M. V. S. Society,

Respectfully submitted,

REBECCA P. WARNER, *Regent.*

Treasurer's Statement

Amount in bank Nov. 1st, 1907 -----	\$ 479.54
Net proceeds from benefit -----	948.50
Lend a Hand Society for Xmas stockings--	12.00
Glee Club Concert -----	133.00
Sale of M. V. S. postals -----	14.50
Constitutions -----	105.39
Interest -----	14.57

Total receipts ----- \$1,705.50

Room Rent, Nov. 1-May 15 -----	\$ 180.00
Salaries -----	600.00
Kindergarten expenses -----	38.02
M. V. S. Society expenses -----	30.00
Xmas stockings -----	23.00

Total expenses ----- \$ 871.02

Amount received since Nov. 1, 1907 -----	\$1,705.50
Amount paid out -----	871.02

Balance in bank (May 15, 1908-) ----- \$ 834.48

Room rent, whole year -----	\$ 360.00
Salaries -----	1,000.00
Kindergarten material, printing, etc. -----	75.00

Total yearly expenses ----- \$1,435.00

Of money contributed in yearly pledges, \$54.00.

School Happenings

October thirty-first, all Hallow'een, was celebrated by a "Congress of Nations." The school was separated into small bands, each costumed to represent some nation and giving characteristic songs or dances. Among the most successful groups was one representing some American Indians in one of their dances; another was a company of Egyptians in procession with their sacred cat, representing the ceremonies attending ancient cat-worship; and perhaps the most entertaining of all was a German kindergarten in charge of Mary Beall, '07. These children sang the familiar Schnitzelbank song with its eighteen or twenty large colored drawings of familiar objects such as "Monument, President, Stylish Hat, Alley Cat, Educator, Elevator," etc. These drawings were each recognized and sung about in turn by the Kindergarten in unison, and later by the entire audience. The drawings, made in colored chalk by Miss Hasselman and Miss Edwards, were sold at auction later in the evening, and the proceeds given to the M. V. S. Kindergarten.

November twenty-first Mrs. Somers gave a beautiful dinner to the old girls visiting in Washington. There were thirty-three at the table, which was set in the music room. The decorations were in the school colors. Mrs. Payne sang very delightfully later in the evening.

Thanksgiving Day, November twenty-eighth, was celebrated in the usual way, a most exciting basketball game, Yale against Princeton, in the morning, and a dinner-dance in the evening.

January twenty-first, the M. V. S. Society had in charge a benefit performance at the National Theatre, of "The Man of the Hour." They cleared nearly a thousand dollars for the M. V. S. Free Kindergarten.

February fourteenth, the Optima Club entertained the household with a delightful musical program, consisting of songs by Mr. Reeside, with Mr. Murray accompanying, and piano solos by Miss Elsa Murray, who has been studying music at the Conservatory in Baltimore.

February first, I. T. S. entertained the household delightfully as a Parisian fête. The chapel represented an open street with gay awnings at each side, under which were small tables where the guests sat and were served with refreshments. The performers appeared on the stage, in the guise of strolling musicians, dancers, ventriloquists, and the various performers one sees at street fairs.

February twenty-first, B. T. S. presented the "Duchess of Dantzig," an adaptation of Sardou's "Madame sans Gêne." The play was exceedingly well given, and attractively staged and costumed. The roles of the "Duchess of Dantzig," Miss Nona Murray, and "Napoleon," Marguerite Werneken, were given with unusual ability.

March twenty-first, V. V. presented a humorous operetta entitled, "The Waxwork Carnival." The scene was the interior of a waxwork show-room, and at midnight the waxworks came to life and became involved in a series of amusing adventures. Henry VIII (Miss Helen Cudahy), Mary Queen of Scots (Miss Elizabeth Baum), Julius Cæsar (Miss Ruth Porter), and Boadicea (Frances Nash), became entangled in matrimonial troubles which were adjusted only after much contention by their respective followers. The operetta was given with much spirit, and the evening was most enjoyable.

March twenty-second, the installation of members

of the Order of the Lily took place in the music-room. The room was beautifully decorated, and the musical and other parts of the service most impressive. Mrs. Somers gave the address. The new members admitted to the order were: Misses Burdick, Sumner, Milbank, Unger, McGill, and Casteel.

April eleventh, T. B. V. entertained the household with its usual clever annual magazine, with illustrations represented in tableaux and photographic slides, and articles on various topics of school interest read by the editors. This was followed by an old play of Beaumont and Fletcher, "The Knight of the Burning Pestle," which was presented as nearly as possible in the manner in which it would have been given at the period when it was written, 1610. The costumes were very quaint, and the stage setting of the simplest, attendants hanging up signs to indicate a change of scene. The play was remarkably well given, and was most enthusiastically received.

April twenty-fifth, the Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Payne, gave a delightful program in the chapel. The proceeds were for the M. V. S. Kindergarten.

May thirteenth, Miss Hasselman and the members of her art class gave a very interesting exhibition of the work done during the year. Most of the work was in charcoal, the subjects being portrait studies and compositions. There were some creditable still-life and out-of-door sketches in water color and colored chalks.

April fourteenth, Senior Day, a selected number of Senior essays were read in chapel before Mrs. Somers, Mrs. Hensley, the Faculty and the whole school. *The Evolution of the Ideal* was the subject of the essays. "The Ideal: its definition and function," and "Ideals and Institutions," were the first two essays, by Evangeline Casteel and Frances Oldham. The ideals of the three great races, of Greeks, Romans, and Teutons, were defined and outlined by

Phila N. Milbank, Marie A. Minor, and Minnie L. Bryant, respectively, while the revelation of those ideals in the institutions of each of the three races—in the family, religion, education, economics, society, architecture, sculpture, painting and literature were studied separately. The essays on the institutions of the Greeks were written by Julia C. White, Sybil E. Dugan, Mary I. Kelsey, Marguerite M. Marvin, Elizabeth V. Bulen, Mary S. Donaldson, Margaret F. Burdick, and Harriet M. McGill. The essays on Roman institutions were written by Emma T. Tebbutt, Helen Unger, Blanche Banks, Nora C. Forthman, Fanny I. Brown, Charlotte M. Webster and Josephine F. Eddy, while the revelations of the Teutonic ideals in the institutions of that race were studied by Persis E. Davis, Elizabeth Oeland, Jean E. Cudahy, Elizabeth Baum, Georgie H. Baum, Marguerite Weller and Mary R. Brown. The last two essays, "The Evolution of the Ideal" and "The Ideal of the Present," were by Linda Musser and Dorothy Landers Beall. Miss Beall's essay was selected to be read Class Night, and on School Day Miss McGill's was read.

After the reading of the essays, the Junior colors were displayed for the first time, but much to the chagrin of the Juniors, it developed that the Seniors, in some mysterious manner, had discovered the colors. The Juniors marched into the music-room with shields of white paper over their ribbons, and before the shields were removed, Miss Unger, the Senior president, presented to Miss Stewart, the Junior president, a large bow of blue ribbon, upon a silver salver.

On May seventh the Juniors gave a banquet to the Seniors. The music-room was beautifully decorated with Iris and Dogwood. Miss Lucia Russell, of 1909, proved a very clever toast-mistress. In response to the toast to M. V. S., Miss Helen Unger, president of 1908, presented the new school song, which was sung by the entire Senior class.

Births

April, 1906, a son, Joseph Hampson, Jr., to Mrs. Blanche Wilson Hampson, '96.

March 21, 1907, a daughter, Edith Isadore, to Mrs. Edith Hancock Allen, '94.

April 18, 1907, a son, to Mrs. Belle Hinman Lam-
mers, '02.

October 4, 1907, a daughter, Helen Rebecca, to
Mrs. Florence De Pauw Seaman, '89.

December 10, 1907, a daughter, India Bell, to
Madame India Bell Fleming Corea, '06.

December 18, 1907, a son, George Winchester
Stone, Jr., to Mrs. Mary Bradford Stone, '88.

February, 1908, a son, Lyman, to Mrs. Luette Spit-
zer Goodbody, '01.

March, 1908, a son, to Mrs. Marie Peters Thorns,
'04.

April 14, 1908, a son, Arthur Alexis Birney, to
Mrs. Margaret Birney Varela, '96.

May 6, 1908, a son, to Mrs. Annabel Baggaley
Hines, '05.

Marriages

Corinne Shellabarger, '93, to Mr. Thomas Henry Ramsay, August 14, 1907.

Ruth Oldberg Brown, '02, to Mr. Paul Alexander Blair, September 25, 1907.

Catherine Cullom Ridgley, '02, to Mr. Phelps Brown, October 24, 1907.

Susan Hurd Elmore, '98, to Mr. Fritz Howard Haradon, October 28, 1907.

Bertha Bush, '04, to Mr. Burdette Eugene Torinus, October 30, 1907.

Emily Huffman Wickersham, '05, to Mr. Joseph Rawson, Jr., November 2, 1907.

Lilian Harrod Jones, '01, to Mr. Arthur Cornelius Roland, November 7, 1907.

Mary Dosh Ingram, '03, to Mr. Lyttleton Purnell, November 14, 1907.

Virgie Marguerite Whitcomb, '05, to Mr. Swift Tarbell, November 28, 1907.

Vina A. Shattuck, '03, to Mr. Edward Duncan Beals, January 21, 1908.

Grace Duncan Wright, '94, to Mr. Samuel Paul Capen, March 25, 1908.

Margaretta Meyer, '03, to Mr. James Kearney Rice, Jr., June 3, 1908.

Estelle Rodgers, '04, to Mr. James Robinson Wilbur, Jr., June 10, 1908.

Deaths

September, 1907, Grace Van Buren Shoppell, of the class of 1900.

November 20, 1907, Caroline Waugh Morgan, of the class of '79.

July, 1906, Mrs. Wilson, mother of Mrs. Blanche Wilson Hampson, '96.

April 20, 1907, infant son of Mrs. Belle Hinman Lammers, '02.

August, 1907, Lina Wilson Alton, only daughter of Mrs. Lina Wilson Alton, '86.

September 11, 1907, Colonel Robert I. Fleming, father of Madame India Bell Fleming Corea, '06.

April 13, 1908, Harry Hewitt, brother of Gertrude and Ethel Hewitt, '07.

March 20, 1908, Mrs. Joanna R. Brown, mother of Mrs. Mazie Brown Mesny, '94.

In Memoriam

GRACE VAN BUREN SHOPPELL. '00.

September, 1907.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, Our beloved classmate, Grace Van Buren Shoppell, has been removed from our midst by the unquestionable decree of God, and *whereas*, we mourn not only the loss of a devoted member of our Class but also the premature ending of a life so full of promise,

Therefore be it resolved that by her death our Class and the Alumnæ Association have lost a most sincere and earnest member.

And further be it resolved, that we extend to the bereaved father our heartfelt sympathy in this hour of his deep affliction and that these resolutions be set forth within the pages of the Annual of this Association, and that a copy thereof be sent to the father of the deceased.

FAITH BRADFORD, '00.

GRACE MCPHERSON JANNEY, '00.

FRANCES MARSH TOWNER, '00.

CAROLINE WAUGH MORGAN.

(*At her home in Washington.*)

November 20th, 1907.

For a second time the class of 1879 is called to mourn the loss of a beloved member. Carrie was one of the dear "old girls," associated with the early days of Mount Vernon Seminary.

She always kept bright her interest in her Alma Mater, and few Reunions of the Alumnæ failed to be cheered by her smiling presence.

Ever faithfully she served in any office or capacity to which she was assigned, and we shall miss her—one and all.

The remaining members of her class extend their sincere sympathy to her dear ones in their bereavement.

RESOLUTIONS.

Whereas, It has pleased our Heavenly Father to call to Himself our dear friend and schoolmate, Caroline Waugh Morgan,

Resolved, That in her death the Alumnæ Association of Mount Vernon Seminary has lost a valued member and a loyal, faithful helper.

Resolved, That we tender the members of her family our heartfelt sympathy in their sorrow.

ADALYN SMITH HOLDEN, '79,
VILLA WELCH MURRAY, '79.

Personals

Mrs. Somers will spend the summer at her home in Bluemont, Va.

Mrs. Hensley sails June 3rd, with the M. V. S. Summer Class, for Switzerland. An account of the class will be found at the end of the book.

Mrs. Somers and Miss Elsie Edwards, '93, went to New York in January to attend the New York M. V. S. Club luncheon. It was a very beautiful affair given at Delmonico's, and thirty-four M. V. S. girls were present, Mrs. Addie Burr Clark, '88, presiding.

Mrs. Eddy was the guest of Mrs. Somers in March. Mrs. Wilson and Miss Mary Wilson visited her in May.

Miss Kurtz is taking a small party abroad this summer. Miss Alice Grandin, of 1902, and Miss Charlotte Sweet are of the party.

Miss Brouse will be greatly missed at the school the coming year. She is to have a year's leave of absence which will probably be spent in foreign travel.

Miss Anna Seymour Ames, '81, whose illness last year necessitated her absence from school, resumed her duties as librarian this winter.

Miss Ashley is taking a party from the school abroad this year. The girls in the party are, Mary Donaldson, '08; Elizabeth Baum, '08; Elizabeth Bulen, '08; Ancinette Gardner, '06; Irene McKinney, '07; Annie Dugan, '09; Charlotte Gardner, Mary Peabody and Fannie Brigham.

Anna Hasselman, '92, visited friends in Indianapolis in June. She expects to spend July and August in Provincetown, Mass., where she and Elsie Edwards, '93, will study in Mr. Charles Hawthorne's summer school of painting.

Mrs. Payne has given several delightful recitals this winter. Always a most charming singer she shows the results of her year's study with Frank King Clark, in Paris, in a more finished and beautiful tone-production, and added ease and grace in the singing of her French songs. Mrs. Payne gave a recital at the Washington Club, February 28th, with Miss Heinrichs, violinist. She also sang in Philadelphia, May 7th, at the concert of the Treble-Clef Society.

Miss Samson, who teaches Household Decoration and Domestic Science, is going abroad this summer with her mother.

Anna Shepard was at the school, at its opening, for a month, and spent the early part of the winter in the South. She returned for a few days visit at the school, and sailed for Europe in January. She has been travelling in France and Italy, and may remain abroad for study the coming winter.

Mrs. Ethelyn Emery Hutton, at one time a member of our faculty, was married August thirty-first, 1907, to Dr. Frederick Love Keays.

The Alumnæ who visited at the school or elsewhere in the city during Commencement week were, Mrs. Addie Burr Clark, '88; Mrs. Izzie Herrick Wilson, '91; Zoe Farrar, '92; Mrs. Margaret Cox Woolridge, '00; Miss Florence Brace, '05; Miss Emmeline Spry, '06; Miss Dorothy Willing, '06; Miss Elma Smith, '06, and the following members of the class of 1907: Margaret Jennings, Virginia Johnson, Elizabeth Ferris, Irene McKinney, Rose Robertson,

Marion Foster, Margaret Hodgins, Gladys Sherin, Kate Van Nuys, Genevieve Walding and Evelyn Rouse.

Among the many old girls who have visited the school during the past year are: Carrie Gillis Murray, '77; Phila Calder Nye, '91; Anne Sargent Gilbert, '92; Marsh Rees, '96; Mollie Knapp, '97; Mary Belle Hudson Coffin, '03; Margery Durant Campbell, '05; Annie de Rossett Harris, and Katherine Woodruff Cabell.

Deaconess Mary Isabel Potter, '85, was appointed by the Board of Missions as a woman-worker in Honolulu. She sailed from San Francisco by the steamer "*Alameda*" and began her work January first.

Two brothers-in-law of Madame Yoshi Kuki Matsugata, of the class of 1890, called on Mrs. Somers early in May. They brought a photograph of Yoshi in her native costume. She has a son and four daughters.

Phila Calder Nye, '91, has been contributing to "*The Travel Magazine*" some interesting articles on inexpensive travelling abroad.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mary Ellen Lutz, '96, to Mr. Williams F. Lemon, of Washington, D. C. The wedding will take place in the fall.

The New York M. V. S. Club has lost a valued member in Mrs. Frances Thirlkeld Coleman, '96, who has gone to San Francisco to live.

Grace Terrill, '96, has been spending the winter in Cuba, and expects to return North in June.

Marsh Rees, '96, spent the month of February in Washington with Caroline Janney, '96.

Maud C. Cook, '97, who is making a tour of the world, sent Mrs. Somers a postal from Shanghai, China, dated March 30th, 1908.

Mrs. Ella Thomas Brochard, '97, who has been living in China for the last three years, is now in Paris, France. Mrs. Brochard was visiting her brother in San Francisco, in September, when she was called to Paris by the death of her father-in-law.

Edith Stockton Birney, '97, has now entered upon her second year as resident physician in Galen Hall, Atlantic City.

Mrs. Helen Slater Mallory, '98, who has been in Europe all winter, will remain abroad another year.

Miss Faith Bradford, of the class of 1900, has an appointment in the Library of Congress, and began her work there a short time ago.

Miss Mateel Howe, of 1903, has just been awarded the second prize of \$500.00 in the "Commercial Club prize essay contest," of Oregon. The contest was started in the spring of 1906, in order that the resulting publicity would prove very beneficial for Oregon. More than three hundred contestants submitted articles, and the total of newspapers, magazines and other periodicals in which stories appeared will reach about four hundred. The contestants have come from every State of the Union and from Great Britain, Canada and Mexico. Mateel, winner of the second prize, has lived in Portland for the past two years. Although a child of the prairies, she has come to like Portland, and its nearby mountains, better than the plains of the Middle West, as her prize-winning story shows. In 1905 she accompanied her father on a trip around the world. She has been a contributor of various periodicals for some time. All who have watched her progress are enthusiastic about her work, and predict a brilliant future for her.

Margaret B. Macomber, '04, sailed for Europe May the fourteenth.

The engagement is announced of Miss Edna Isabelle McKnew, '05, to Dr. Samuel H. Greene, Jr.

Olive Howard Waring, '05, has been in Italy all winter with her mother, and expects to remain in France and England until late in the fall. She is studying singing, violin and languages.

Miss Gertrude Fry, '05, Miss Ruth Campbell, '05, and Miss Edith Fry, '07, are going abroad together this summer.

Gertrude and Ethel Hewitt, of the class of 1907, visited at the school and in the East this spring. They intended visiting the school during Commencement week, but were prevented from doing so by the sudden death of their brother.

Agnes Balloch and Josephine Foster, both of 1907, are taking courses at the George Washington University. Miss Balloch is taking the scientific course, and Miss Foster the B. A. Marguerite Weller, of 1908, is going to the University next year.

Elizabeth Oeland, of 1908, is a sister of Margaret Oeland, of the class of 1906.

As every year, flowers came to the school during commencement week, from the parents of Byrd Wallis, a pupil who attended school sixteen years ago. Her health necessitated her leaving school, and she lived only a few months after doing so. Cape-jasmine has been sent every year for the fifteen years, in her memory. Her niece and namesake, Byrd Wallis Knox, is to be an M. V. S. girl a few years hence.

The non-graduates who visited at the school during Commencement week are: Agnes Baillie, Takoma, Wash.; Margaret McAllister, Baltimore, Md.; Editha Hardy, Evanston, Ill.; Gladys Brace, Helen Rook and Olive Hunter, of Pittsburg, Pa.; Helen and

Anna Priest, Malden, Mass.; Helen Hagerty, Baltimore, Md.; Hazel Thompson, St. Paul, Minn.; Grace Unger, Newark, N. J., and Olive Gardner, Evanston, Ill.

Cards have been received for the wedding of Miss Helen Hinsdale to Mr. Ralph Hastings Hobart, June 13, 1908.

The engagement is announced of Miss Eleanor Granger, a non-graduate, to Lieutenant Felix R. Holt, U. S. N.

Jessie Norman, a non-graduate, spent the spring in Washington. She has a younger sister at M. V. S.

The husband of the Duchess de Chaulnes, who was Theodora Shontz, died suddenly in Paris, the middle of April.

Margaret Ridlon, a non-graduate, was editor-in-chief of the woman's edition of the "*Northwestern*," the college paper of Northwestern University.

Florence Hastings was a guest at the school for a few days in May. She is intending to spend the summer at Warrenton, Va.

Susan Reed, the cook who has been with Mrs. Somers for seventeen years, died of heart failure May the thirteenth, 1908, at the school.

The M. V. S. Club of New York has its headquarters at the London Tea Rooms, 291 Fifth Avenue, opposite the Holland House. Here the resident M. V. S. girls meet and have tea together on the first Monday afternoon of each month. They hope that all M. V. S. girls, visiting in New York, will remember this custom, and come if possible, if they happen to be in New York on the first Monday of any month. Also it is hoped that they will not fail to visit the M. V. S. room at the London Tea Rooms, where they will have a chance to meet old friends, and by registering, let the New York girls know their addresses.

The following notices have come from non-graduates :

May 27, 1906, a daughter, Eugenia Gray, to Mrs. Eugenia Watson Woodruff.

September 25, 1906, a daughter, Florence Jane, to Mrs. Ada Sorg Drouillard.

July 4, 1907, a daughter, Martha Lamar, to Mrs. Sally Long Ellis.

July 17, 1907, a son, Timothy Lester, 2nd, to Mrs. Eugenia Watson Woodruff.

The following is a list of marriages of non-graduate girls, in so many of whom the Alumnæ are interested:

Elsie Nordhoff, to Mr. Montfort Hill-Smith, April 30, 1906.

Eugenia Howard, to Mr. Sterling Edwin Edmunds, May 26, 1906.

Mabel Louise Talbott, to Mr. Lawrence Belding Cummings, May 31, 1906.

Helen Jane Chesbrough, to Mr. Frederick Kramer Handy, September 6, 1906.

Ella Krueger, to Mr. Inglis Moore Uppercu, October 24, 1906.

Constance Claverhouse Adee, to Mr. Frederick Stansbury Tyler, December 1, 1906.

Bertha Sturgus Hill, to Mr. Heath Moore, June 5, 1907.

Catherine Thomas Manson, to Mr. Cyrus Sugg Radford, June 12, 1907.

Florence Edna Ham, to Mr. John Edward Hartfelder, June 12, 1907.

Emily Paul Wiggin, to Mr. Frank Dexter Stevens, June 25, 1907.

Mary Hall Wadsworth, to Mr. Alfred Schuyler van Patten, June 25, 1907.

Theodora Coe, to Mr. Arthur Carlos Tipton, September 3, 1907.

Helen Browning Gardner, to Mr. John Maury Dove, Jr., September 3, 1907.

Katherine Buck, to Mr. Edward Clayton Sherman, September 11, 1907.

Helen Fletcher Jones, to Mr. Wellington Mayberry Bertoldt, September 25, 1907.

Katherine Redfield Smith, to Mr. Lawrence Baldwin Beckwith, October 9, 1907.

Frances Helène Laird, to Mr. Bertrand Aylwin Jacob, Jr., October 12, 1907.

Jean Hendry Fewsmith, to Mr. Howell Gurney Lord, November 6, 1907.

Elizabeth Keyes, to Mr. John Alfred Ladd, October 16, 1907.

Josephine Robinson Stout, to Mr. Robert Spencer Soulé, October 29, 1907.

Olive Marie McIntosh, to Mr. Edwin Hewitt Brown, November 6, 1907.

Suemma Vajan Coleman, to Mr. William Avery Atkins, November 20, 1907.

Nellie May Blanchard, to Mr. Augustus Cadwell Belden, January 1, 1908.

Elizabeth Ward Barber, to Mr. Leo Kimball Eaton, January 1, 1908.

Mary Wentz, to Dr. Clarence Bumsted, January 14, 1908.

Mary Lilian Hempstone, to Mr. Frederick Lancing Oliver, Jr., January 22, 1908.

Mary Matlock, to Dr. George Earle Raiguel, January 29, 1908.

Theodora Shonts, to the Duke of Chaulnes, February 15, 1908.

Charline Herberta Smith, to Mr. Donald McDonald Sutor, February 26, 1908.

Katheryn Hammett, to Mr. Thomas Nelson Conrad, February 27, 1908.

Gloria White Calcutt, to Mr. Horatio Nelson Heriman, March 14, 1908.

Helen Seagrave Ffoulke, to Mr. Emmanuel Havenith, March 26, 1908.

Marie Berrian Riker, to Mr. Franklin Conklin, Jr., April 8, 1908.

Edith Hutchinson Marks, to Dr. Charles Edward Pearson, April 20, 1908.

Georgia Gray, to Mr. William Frederick Heucken, April 20, 1908.

Louise Foote, to Mr. Robert Mabby Bond, May 5, 1908.

Nellie Hunter Lutz, to Mr. Richard Wilmer Boling, May 9, 1908.

Flora Britton, to Mr. Arthur Dudley Carpenter, May 27, 1908.

Barbara McNaughton, to Mr. Judson George Rosebush, June 2, 1908.

Nanna Loula Gunn, to Mr. William Kenneth Calhoun, June 17, 1908.

Carrie Loise Burnham, to Mr. Willard Stuart Gates, June 24, 1908.

Eleanor Ward Vilas, to Mr. Andrew McNally, June 27, 1908.

M. V. S. Summer Class in Switzerland

With the purpose of meeting a growing demand for better opportunities for the study and practice of the modern languages, the plan has been formed of an M. V. S. summer class in Switzerland. The Château de Belle Rive, near Geneva, has been chosen as offering beautiful scenery, outdoor exercise, invigorating climate and excellent French. Here a limited number of students will, during the summer, study French and German under most favorable conditions for rapid and practical advancement. The class will be limited to ten members, and will be at all times under the direction of an M. V. S. teacher. During the first part of this summer, Mrs. Hensley will be in charge, and later, Miss Cole will take the supervision.

Mrs. Hensley and her party engaged passage by the steamship *Oceanic* of the White Star Line, sailing from New York June sixth, and due in Cherbourg June thirteenth. The party thence proceeded to Paris, where they remained for a day of rest, before going on to Geneva.

Short excursions will be planned from Geneva, as the members of the class may choose, to visit all the most beautiful parts of Switzerland, and the last ten days before the sailing home will be spent in Paris. The homeward passage has been secured by the *St. Louis*, September fifth, from Cherbourg.

For further information and application for membership for next year, Mrs. Hensley may be addressed at 1100 M Street.

The girls in the party this year are: Miss Linda Musser and Miss Frances Oldham, of 1908, Miss Annys Wilson, Miss Florence Crosby Walding, and Miss Emma Ida Taylor. Mrs. Wilson, of Pittsburg, also accompanies the party.

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- 1890—MISS CAROLYN E. PORTE
- 1891—MRS. LOUISE PRENTISS TRUE
- 1892—MISS MARY BRADFORD
- 1893—MISS CAROLYN E. PORTE
- 1894—MISS ADDIE PERRY BURR
- 1895—MISS ANNA KING
- 1896—MRS. MARIE WILKINSON HODGKINS
- 1897—MRS. ADALYN SMITH HOLDEN
- 1898—MISS MARION DANE LILLEY
- 1899—MISS ANNE SEYMOUR AMES
- 1900—MISS GRACE DUNCAN WRIGHT
- 1901—MISS HARRIET B. WALKER
- 1902—MISS SUSAN HURD ELMORE
- 1903—MRS. PHILA CALDER NYE
- 1904—MRS. PHILA CALDER NYE
- 1905—MISS MARION DALL
- 1906—MISS MARION DALL
- 1907—MISS CAROLINE W. JANNEY
- 1908—MISS RACHEL JONES COFFIN
- 1909—MISS FLORENCE TERESA INGRAM
- 1910—MISS NANNIE VAN DYKE SKILLMAN

The Alumnae Reunion

On Saturday, May twenty-second, at eleven o'clock, the Alumnae Reunion was held in the Music Room. After the meeting had been called to order by the President, Miss Florence Ingram, '02, the Class of 1909, thirty-four in number, the largest class that has ever graduated from Mt. Vernon Seminary, was presented to the Association by Miss Lorna Guard.

The President welcomed the class in a few well-chosen words of greeting and congratulation, to which Miss Stewart, the Class President, responded. As Mrs. Somers was unable to be present at the Reunion on account of temporary indisposition, Mrs. Hensley called the roll, nearly one hundred members being present. After roll-call telegrams expressing congratulations and good wishes were read by the President, one from Miss Scull, honorary member of the Association, and another from Mrs. Frances Scoville Wishard, '84.

After the reports of the Corresponding Secretary and the Treasurer, the following letter was read from the President of the New York M. V. S. Club, Mrs. Florence Nokes Murphy, '78, who had hoped to be present but was prevented by illness:

"The Mount Vernon Seminary Club of New York sends greetings to the Mount Vernon Seminary Alumnae Association. During the season 1908-'09 there has been an active membership of about thirty in the New York M. V. S. Club. Early in the winter arrangements were made for a change in the place of meeting, comfortable quarters being secured at the Colonial Tea Rooms, 20 West 33d Street. Here

the Club will be happy to welcome, on the first Monday of each month, at four o'clock, any M. V. S. alumnae or students who may be in New York. At the first meeting of the year Mrs. Hensley was present, with many notes of interest to students of both recent and former years.

"The chief interest of the year centered in a luncheon, which was held at Delmonico's on Tuesday, April sixth, when the Club hoped for the pleasure and stimulus of Mrs. Somers' presence. It was a source of deep regret that she was unable to attend, but she was ably represented by Mrs. Hensley. After the luncheon short talks were given by Miss Austin and Miss Woodhull, both former teachers in M. V. S., and the latter now President of Smith College Alumnae. This luncheon brought the activities of the winter to a close, the Club adjourning until fall, when all M. V. S. Alumnae and all former pupils of the school who may take up their residence in this vicinity will be cordially welcomed to membership."

Signed FLORENCE K. MURPHY, *President.*

Miss Ruth Halford, '01, regent of the M. V. S. Society, gave an account of the year's work in the Kindergarten, and her report will be found elsewhere.

After a formal adjournment of the business meeting, luncheon was served in the Chapel, which had been transformed into an effective dining-hall. The walls were hung with southern smilax and an immense vase of American beauty roses, presented to Mrs. Somers by the Class of 1908, occupied a place of honor on the platform. The table, tastefully decorated with daisies and ferns, extended in front of the platform and down each side the length of the room. At the cross table sat Mrs. Hensley, the President of the Association, the Class-president and the Toast-mistress. The members of the Alumnae Association and guests were seated on both sides of the two long side tables.

The Toast-mistress, Miss Grace Janney, '00, was introduced by the President, and presided with much spirit over the intellectual part of the feast. The toasts were three in number, "Hobbies," "Habits," and "Happiness," and were responded to eloquently by Miss Terrill, '94, Miss Guard, honorary member, and Miss Dugan, '09.

At the close of the luncheon, Miss Stewart, the Class-president, and Mrs. Minnie Naylor Swartzell, '76, the first graduate of M. V. S., left the hall for a few moments and returned carrying between them a large birthday-cake with white and yellow decorations, and bearing thirty-four lighted candles. This cake, the Toast-mistress explained, was to celebrate the thirty-fourth birthday of Mt. Vernon Seminary, and she then proposed the health of M. V. S., which was drunk with much enthusiasm. The cake was then cut by Mrs. Swartzell and Miss Stewart, and as the Class of 1909 passed before her singing their class song, Mrs. Swartzell presented to each of the thirty-four members one of the thirty-four candles from the cake, as a fitting birthday souvenir.

The Reunion was brought to a close by all singing together the school song written by Dorothy Landers Beall, '08, and sung to the air of "Maryland, My Maryland."

I.

We come to sing thy cheerful praise,
M. V. S., our M. V. S.
Our happy hearts to thee we raise,
M. V. S., dear M. V. S.
We bring our thanks, our loyalty,
Our homage to thy royalty;
With reverent song thy name we bless,
M. V. S., dear M. V. S.

II.

Oh, festive days, and happy days,
M. V. S., our M. V. S.
Oh, merry frolics—kindly ways
Of M. V. S., dear M. V. S.
We turn to thee in every thought
For every sorrow that we brought
Thou hast returned us hopefulness,
M. V. S., dear M. V. S.

III.

In all the years thy daughters throng
M. V. S., dear M. V. S.
Their love for thee is pure and strong,
M. V. S., oh, M. V. S.
The classes leave thy stately door
Resolved to live and labor more,
And earnestly their debt confess
To M. V. S., our M. V. S.

IV.

Oh, dear school Home of happy youth,
M. V. S., our M. V. S.
Stand long in graciousness and truth,
M. V. S., our M. V. S.
We wear thy flower loyally,
Thy colors pure our pride shall be,
Thro' all our lives our song shall bless
M. V. S., dear M. V. S.

Treasurer's Report

Annual (175) 1908.....	\$106.00
Balance on hand January 1, 1909.....	\$44.67
By dues	329.00
	\$373.67
Annual notices	5.75
Postage	18.00
Post Cards	2.50
Reunion invitations	33.90
Programs	2.50
Luncheon including service	144.00
Flowers and cake	10.00
	\$216.65
Amount received	\$373.67
Amount paid out	216.65
Balance on hand June 19, 1909.....	\$157.02

M. V. S. Society

OFFICERS FOR 1908-1909

Regent—Miss Ruth Halford.

First Vice-Regent—Miss Caroline Janney.

Second Vice-Regent—Mrs. Nellie Hosea Lard.

Treasurer—Miss Mary Warner.

Recording Secretary—Miss Anna Hasselman.

Corresponding Secretary—Miss Lorna Guard.

Report of the Regent

The Free Kindergarten maintained by the M. V. S. Society at "Neighborhood House" under the direct leadership of Miss Holman and Miss Kent has closed a fourth successful year. Sixty-two, pupils representing forty different families, have been enrolled during the year. The work has been of benefit not only to the children, but to their mothers as well. Mothers' Meetings have been held by Miss Holman, and as a result improved conditions in the homes have been noticeable.

At various times during the year special efforts have been made to give pleasure to the children. At Thanksgiving and Christmas time the Lend-a-Hand Society and other members of the school sent gifts, and in the spring a party was given for the Kindergarten children in the Senior House garden, an event which is always greatly enjoyed by the children, and by the girls at school, who are always happy to act as hostesses.

The expenses of the Kindergarten have been borne this year almost entirely by the resident members of the M. V. S. Society. The annual dues of one dollar

are, of course, sufficient to sustain only a small part of the work, and the Society has for the past three years undertaken to raise funds by means of an annual benefit, usually a concert or the first night of a play. These benefits have been very successful, but that of this year, the concert of the noted young Russian violinist, Mischa Elman, while a marked artistic success, was not successful financially, the proceeds being much less than the amount usually realized at our benefit performance. Other efforts had to be made to supply the treasury, and thanks is due to the School Glee Club, which gave two concerts under the able direction of Mrs. Payne, contributing two hundred and seventy-five dollars. To Miss Kate McCartney especial thanks and appreciation are due for one hundred and thirty dollars contributed by her, the proceeds of a fair arranged and conducted by her own personal effort.

Commencement Week

Commencement week festivities were inaugurated by the Piano and Song Recital, on Thursday evening, May twentieth. The class of 1909 was represented by Ellen Case Pomeroy, Elsie Foerderer, Katherine Stackert, and Mary Denman, who all sang delightfully.

May twenty-first the Tormentour Club, under Miss Ostrander's direction, presented three scenes from the Greek play, "Ingomar." The characters represented were: Parthenia, Nona Murray; Ingomar, Dorothy Humphrey; Actea, Ellen Pomeroy, '09; Polydor, Anna Swigart. The stage was beautifully decorated with cedar and oak branches to represent the forest of the Cevennes Mountains. The lines, which are so beautiful, were admirably given by each member of the cast.

Saturday morning the Alumnae Association held their annual reunion in the music room, followed by a luncheon in the Chapel.

The Senior tree-planting was to have been held that evening, but on account of the rain it was postponed until Monday afternoon, at three-thirty, in Senior House yard.

Monday evening the class night exercises were held in the Chapel, when the Class History, Lamentation, Poem and Prophecy were read and the school banner was presented to the Class of 1910. A reception to the guests of the Seniors was held later in the Music Room.

The next day, Tuesday, the school day exercises were held in the morning in Chapel. A number of the Class of 1910 took part in the program, which was very interesting, and after the reading of the school records for the year, the Senior seats were

abdicated by the Class of 1909. After a luncheon, which was served in the reading rooms, the Senior and Junior songs were sung in the Music Room.

The graduating exercises were held in the ball room of the New Willard on the morning of the twenty-seventh. An orchestra, under Professor Kaspar's leadership, rendered the instrumental numbers, and Miss Kaspar sang. The address by Edward Howard Griggs on "Education for the Art of Life" was practical and helpful not only to the class but to the men and women in the audience.

Mrs. Somers presented the diplomas with words of loving counsel, and after the benediction, the friends of the graduates gathered in the adjoining parlor to say farewell. Many resident ex-pupils, both alumnae and non-graduates, find in this custom a delightful opportunity for renewing old associations.

The program was as follows:

PROCESSIONAL *Lachner*

PRAYER

REV. CHARLES WOOD, D.D.

OVERTURE—RAYMOND *Ambroise Thomas*

SONG—"WITH VERDURE CLAD" *Haydn*

MISS KASPAR

ADDRESS TO GRADUATING CLASS

"EDUCATION FOR THE ART OF LIFE"

EDWARD HOWARD GRIGGS

INTERMEZZO *Delibes*

ARIA FROM PERLE DU BRESIL *David*

MISS KASPAR

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS

LARGO *Handel*

BENEDICTION

CORONATION MARCH *Meyerbeer*

MUSICAL DIRECTOR, MR. JOSEPH KASPAR

School Happenings

On October 31st, All Hallow-e'en, was celebrated by a Black Cat Party. The Chapel was transformed into a roof, a high brick wall surrounding it, with chimneys at intervals and, perched about in conspicuous places, black cats and jack-o'-lanterns. The guests came costumed as much as possible like cats, and performed various songs, dances and recitations distinctly feline in character, a prize being awarded to the most brilliant performer.

On November 19th, Mrs. Somers entertained a number of old pupils then in the city at dinner. The table, in the form of a hollow square, was in the Music Room and was beautifully decorated with white and yellow chrysanthemums. The members of the Faculty present were: Mrs. Somers, Mrs. Hensley, Miss Harbaugh, and the Misses Ashley, Ames, Burrell, Colgan, Janney, Hasselman, and Edwards. The visiting guests were: Mrs. Ackert and the Misses Banks, '08; Davis, '08; Doherty, Dugan, '08; Eddy, '01; Elizabeth Eddy, Gahan, Linthicum, McCoy, McKinney, '07; Marvin, '08; Mulford, '07; Musser, '08; Edith Patton, Powers, Preston, Helen Priest, Evalyn Rouse, '07; Sherin, '07; Snow, Helen Unger, '08; Brigham, Van Slyck and Eleanor Woodward. Also were present the presidents of the school clubs, the Misses Stackerl, Foss, French, and Wetherell, all of the Class of 1909.

On Thanksgiving the annual basket ball game was played between Pennsylvania and Cornell, with Captain Mary McClave and Captain Mary Denman. Cornell was the winning team.

On the evening of Sunday, December 6th, the Installation of members in the Order of the Lily took place in the music room, the services being very impressive and beautiful. Mrs. Somers gave the address. The new members admitted to the Order were: Gertrude Ella Allen, '09; Jean Barkalow, '09; Mary Simmons Denman, '09; Margaret Pitt Downey, Gertrude Fitzgerald, Elsie Foerderer, '09; Ruth Agnes French, '09; Alice Cary McGrew, '09; Laura Turner Parsons, Florence Ione Thompson, and Nella Larkin Wetherill, '09.

February sixth I. T. S. entertained the household with some very beautiful tableaux arranged by the Misses Fischer, of New York, with songs by Miss Vivian Edwards, of Princeton. A number of the subjects given represented pictures in the style of Velasquez, Ter Borch, Gainsborough and other famous painters; others represented characters from Shakespeare, and some were pictures suggested by old ballads, the songs being sung by Miss Edwards.

February twenty-second B. T. S. presented "Idyl of the Wall," a charming little comedy from the French of Edmond Rostand. The time was that of powdered wigs and patches, and the scene was in two adjoining gardens, the center of interest being two lovers, and an old garden wall. The lovers' parts were taken by Miss Nona Murray and Miss Anna Kidder.

March twentieth, the Tormentour Club entertained the household with a dramatic recital and farce, "An Open Secret." The characters were well chosen and admirably sustained.

March twenty-seventh, V. V. gave a delightful Japanese operetta, "Princess Chrysanthemum." Miss Barbara Waldo, in the title role, divided the honors with Ruth Porter, '09, as the "Emperor What For Whi." Other members of the Class of 1909 in the cast were Isabel Ramage, Roberta Rouse, Ruth French, and Katherine McNeeley.

April third, T. B. V. presented a very attractive adaptation of "Midsummer Night's Dream," the accompanying music selected from the Mendelssohn score. It was very well given, and a number of the Class of 1909 had prominent parts: Iris Masters, Annie Dugan, Elizabeth Gorton, Elaine Pujo, Marie Stewart, Kathleen Scott, and Katherine Niles.

On May third, Senior Day, a selected number of Senior themes were read before Mrs. Somers, Mrs. Hensley, the Faculty and the school. The subject of the essays this year was "The Child, a Sociological Study." The first paper, in a discussion of the extremes of modern society, suggested the theme as the motif of different ideal commonwealths, and was written by Elaine Pujo. The next five papers were analyses of various ideal commonwealths—Plato's Republic, More's Utopia, Campanella's City of the Sun, Bellamy's Looking Backward, The Socialist State, and others, by Helen Andrus, Gertrude Allen, Dorothy Allyn, Kathleen Scott, Helen Brant and Alice Kelsey. A critical examination of the common features and suggestive value of these various literary ideals, in a paper by Ruth Porter, discloses their agreement in attributing the wrongs of society to ignorance and poverty. These fundamental weaknesses of the social structure were then analyzed with special inference to their effect upon the child. The causes of ignorance and its effect upon the child were studied by Ruth Hoffman and Florence Brown, and the means of amelioration, that is, compulsory, industrial and aesthetic education, were presented by Anna Foss, Bessie Gorton and Mary Denman. Various theories of the causes of poverty, the Malthusian theory, Henry George's, Karl Marx's, the theory of Profits System, and other theories, were studied by Katherine Niles, Roberta Rouse, Nella Wetherill, Elsie Foerderer, and Isabel Ramage. The effect of poverty upon the child and the means of amelioration, the latter showing the difference between the

old and the new philanthropy, were presented by Katherine McNeeley and Ruth French respectively. The campaign for childhood was first opened by contrasting the position of the child in its relation to society in the past and in the present, as gained through a study of the children of literatures. Grecian and Roman literature were studied by Eloise Sherin, Early English by Iris Masters, Shakespeare by Mary Stead, 17th and 18th Century English literature by Annie Dugan, Wordsworth by Catherine Stackerl, Dickens by Lucy Lauch, and American poetry by Ada Sheely, and the interpretation of the attitude of the centuries toward the child of the past vs. the child of the present, as emphasized by the study of the changed character of the literature *for* children, given by Mary C. Hunter. This leads to the consideration of the modern conception of the relation of the child to the State, as seen in studies of the child labor question, of Juvenile delinquents, of Defectives and Dependents, and of the rights of children, by June Henley, Jean Barkalow, Ellen Pomeroy and Helen Amsbry. The Child and the Home was the subject of Marie Stewart's paper, and the climax of the study was reached in the presentation of an ideal society, the basis of which is the Benevolent Will—a society in which the rights of the child is secure. This was presented by Alice Carey McGrew. The papers which were selected to be read on Senior Day were those by Elaine Pujo, Gertrude Allen, Kathleen Scott, Ruth Porter, Florence Brown, Eloise Sherin, Annie Dugan, Lucy Lauch, Mary Hunter, Jean Barkalow, Ellen Pomeroy, Helen Amsbry, and Alice Cary McGrew. Miss Hunter's and Miss Barakalow's essays were selected to be read Class Night, and on School Day Miss Amsbry's and Miss Pujo's were read.

The afternoon of May fourth the children of the M. V. S. Society Free Kindergarten were invited to Senior House to a garden party. The children played

games and swung in hammocks to their hearts' content, and consumed inordinate quantities of ice cream, cakes and lemonade.

Friday, May seventh, and again on Monday, May tenth, the Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Payne, gave a concert for the benefit of the M. V. S. Society Free Kindergarten. The quality of the voices this year was unusually good, and the program was extremely well given. Among the most popular numbers were "The Blue Danube," "Doris," and "Go to Sleep, Ma Honey." Mr. Anton Kaspar added greatly to the program with two violin numbers. The Glee Club numbers thirty-four members this year, ten of whom are members of the Class of 1909, Miss Catherine Stackerl, '09, being the Club President, Miss Ruth Porter, '09, Vice-President, and Miss Elaine Pujo, '09, Secretary and Treasurer.

May eighth and fifteenth the annual barge parties to Great Falls were most thoroughly enjoyed.

The evening of May twelfth the Juniors gave a most delightfully arranged banquet to the Class of 1909.

The following Sunday, May sixteenth, the second Installation in the Order of the Lily took place in the music room, at eight o'clock, when Miss Ellen Case Pomeroy, '09, sister of Bess Pomeroy, '06, was admitted to the Order.

Births

August 6, 1906, a son, William Wadsworth Chance, Jr., to Mrs. Lillian Lake Chance, '99.

July 14, 1907, a daughter, Mary Belle, to Mrs. Catherine Rollo Wright, '03.

September 25, 1908, a son, Samuel Milton Lake Chance, to Mrs. Lillian Lake Chance, '99.

November 1, 1908, a daughter, Miranda Noyes, to Mrs. Mary Day Boyd, '04.

December 1, 1908, a son, Lyttleton Purnell III, to Mrs. Mary Ingram Purnell, '03.

December 4, 1908, a son, James Kearney Rice III, to Mrs. Margaretta Meyer Rice, '03.

March 14, 1909, a daughter, Virgie Marguerite, to Mrs. Virgie Whitcomb Tarbell, '05.

April, 1909, a son, to Beulah Hubbell, Countess Wachtmeister, '93.

May 18, 1909, a daughter, Lois Bush, to Mrs. Bertha Bush Torinus, '04.

May 29, 1909, a son, Harold Wright Bell, Jr., to Mrs. Helen Mills Bell, '03.

Marriages

Lucy Taber Pool, daughter of Mrs. Fannie Chase Pool, '81, to Mr. Paul Delmar Kelleter, October 21, 1901.

Mary Eleanor Lutz, '96, to Mr. Williams F. Lemon, July 6, 1908.

Jennie E. Gamble, '06, to Mr. Chester B. McVay, September, 1908.

Plowden Stevens, '06, to Mr. John Allen Grier, September, 1908.

Emeline Wilce Spry, '06, to Mr. Rollin Webb Keyes, September 30, 1908.

Edna Isabelle McKnew, '05, to Dr. Samuel H. Greene, Jr., October 14, 1908.

Edith Stockton Birney, '97, to Dr. F. Marion Barker, November 24, 1908.

Mary Alice McCabe, '92, to Mr. Maurice Hatcher, December 9, 1908.

Laurene Porter, '03, to Mr. Harold Strother Walker, December 9, 1908.

Elizabeth Ashley Rankin, '05, to Mr. Edward Clark Crossett, January 2, 1909.

Blanche Gertrude Plamondon, '05, to Mr. J. Henry Smith, January 14, 1909.

Olive Belknap Ward, '06, to Mr. William Archibald Fairlie, March 10, 1909.

Persis Earle Davis, '08, to Mr. Orator Frank Woodward, March 10, 1909.

Mary Lansing Catlin, '95, to Dr. Edward Cussler, April 22, 1909.

Floretta Amelia Elmore, '99, to Mr. Louis Schriber, May 19, 1909.

Marion Luther Foster, '07, to Mr. Samuel Adams Cochran, June 10, 1909.

Fannie Lutcher Brown, '08, to Mr. Rucie A. Moore, June 11, 1908.

Minnie Louise Beck, '05, to Mr. James Sheldon Riley, June 12, 1909.

Hannah Elizabeth Calder, '00, to Mr. Ralph Huntington Thacher, June 15, 1909.

Sybil Dugan, '08, to Mr. Raymond D. Unger, June 30, 1909.

Deaths

July, 1908, Mrs. Ford, mother of Mrs. Clara Ford Nesbit, '88.

July, 1908, Mrs. Ford, mother of Nell Ford, '92, and Stella Ford, '98.

July 22, 1908, Martha Virginia, age 9 months, daughter of Mrs. Nora Mitchener Mohun, '95.

December 3, 1908, John Elliott Shaw, husband of Ethel Bogan Shaw, '95.

January, 1909, H. C. McCauley, father of Mary McCauley, '93.

February 1, 1909, Maurice Hatcher, husband of Alice McCabe Hatcher, '92.

February 14, 1909, George Edward Torinus, brother of Mrs. Lois Torinus Tolen, '04.

February 20, 1909, Hon. Carroll D. Wright, father of Mrs. Cornelia Wright McPherson, '91, and Mrs. Grace Wright Capen, '94.

March 21, 1909, Hon. William Connell, grandfather of Mrs. Jessie Dimmick Van Deusen, '00.

May 5, 1909, Mrs. E. S. Prentiss, mother of Mrs. Louise Prentiss True, '84.

May 13, 1909, Belle Marguerite, age seventeen years, daughter of Mrs. Martha Lemon Cissell, '88.

July 2, 1909, Mrs. Burr, mother of Mrs. Addie Burr Clark, '88.

July 2, 1909, infant daughter of Mrs. Mary Bradford Stone, '88.

Personals

Mrs. Somers will spend the summer at her home in Bluemont, Virginia.

Mrs. Somers and Elsie Edwards, '93, spent the Christmas vacation in Evanston, Illinois, visiting Mrs. Wilson.

Mrs. Eddy, Josephine Eddy, '01, and Elizabeth Eddy visited Mrs. Somers for several weeks this spring.

Miss Brouse returned to the school in May after nearly a year's absence abroad. Miss Brouse first visited in Hawaii Mary Isabel Potter, '85, now an Episcopal Deaconess in Honolulu, then travelled in Japan, China and in India, where she visited relatives at Lucknow. While in Japan she was entertained at the beautiful home of Madame Yoshi Kuki Matsukata, '90, and saw her five children. A Japanese dinner was given for Miss Brouse.

Miss Ashley will spend the summer in Sicily, Italy and Germany.

In the school party travelling abroad this summer with Miss Samson are Gertrude Mulford, '07; Katherine Meyer, Elizabeth Eddy and Maud Waggoner. Miss Wright will be with them a part of the time.

Among the guests at school this year were Miss Kellar and Phila Calder Nye, '91. The old girls returning for commencement were as follows: Blanche Banks, Elizabeth Baum, Georgie Baum, Polly Brown, Margaret Burdick, Jean Cudahy, Sybil Dugan, Mary Kelsey, Phila Milbank, Harriet McGill, Emma Tebutt, Helen Unger, Charlotte Webster and Julia White, all of the Class of 1908, and Alberta Ellis, '07;

Marjorie Edwards, Gertrude Fitzgerald, Florence Ingram, '92; Frances Nash, Edith Patton, Margaret Ridlon, Marjorie Ray, '04; Rose Robertson, '07, and Margaret Hodgins, '07.

Mr. Henry Kaspar, the only son of Professor and Mrs. Kaspar, of the Faculty, is to return in the fall from Europe, where he has been for five years studying piano.

Mrs. Elsa Chamberlin Mower, '91, will be a very welcome addition to the Faculty next year. Mrs. Mower has just spent several years in Chicago as head assistant to Mrs. Millward Adams.

Miss Dunster has returned from two years' study in Germany, and visited at the school in May.

Miss Mabel Eddy, who has been teaching in Abilene, Texas, the past winter, will be preceptress of Lawrence University, Appleton, Wisconsin, next year.

Miss Abbie Louise Tallmadge has been studying at the Northwestern University, Evanston, Ills., for the past three years, and expects to go to Radcliffe College next winter.

The "old girls" who visited at the school during February were: Mary Brown, '08; Helen Unger, '08; Sybil Dugan, '08; Elizabeth Oeland, '08; Margaret Oeland, '06; Mrs. Margery Post Chase, Caroline Lacey, '04; Frances Newcomb and Estelle Sumner.

Mrs. Florence de Pauw Seaman, '89, whose home is in Los Angeles, is spending the summer in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

Mrs. Izzie Herrick Wilson, '91, and her little daughter spent several weeks in Washington this winter.

Marsh Rees, '96, was the guest of Caroline Janney, '96, in May.

Mrs. Sue Elmore Harradon, '98, was matron of honor at the wedding of her sister, Floretta Elmore, '99, and Mr. Louis Schriber on May nineteenth.

The serious illness of Mary Beall, '07, prevented her return to the School this year and she has been greatly missed at M. V. S. Her many friends will be glad to know that her health is steadily though slowly improving.

Mrs. William T. Patton (Lalla Ruth Carr, '95) has been spending a year in Berlin with her small daughter. She has been studying German and writes enthusiastically of the school of Fräulein Hedwig Klatt, with whom she has been studying. This is a new private school for young ladies which affords unusual advantages for the study of German and where the home life of the school is most delightful. Mrs. Patton's sister, Mrs. Lida Carr Flower, has spent the winter with her family in Lusanne.

Sybil Dugan, '08, was married in June to Mr. Raymond Unger, brother of Helen Unger, '08. Among the bridesmaids were Blanche Banks, '08; Catharine Doherty and Helen Unger, '08.

Mr. and Mrs. Capen (Grace Wright, '94) are spending the summer abroad.

Anna Hasselman, '92, spent the summer in Indianapolis.

Helen Slater Mallory, '98, has been spending the winter in Berlin, and is studying drawing in Skarbina's Atelier.

Mrs. Lenora Courts Glancey, '01, has been in Washington with her mother all winter at 1837 Kalorama Road.

The engagement is announced of Miss Louise Leszinsky, of Chicago, to Mr. George Woodward Noyes, brother of Clara Noyes Cracy, '03.

Anna Boyd, '04, has been in Paris all winter with Mary T. Wilson, of Evanston, studying music and French.

Marjorie Ray, '04, Margaret Jennings, '07, and Katherine Meyer were bridesmaids at the wedding

of Helen Rook to Mr. Walter Taber Grange, April seventeenth. Harriet Carroll was maid of honor.

Mrs. Elinor Macartney Lane, aunt of Kate McCartney, '05, died in March. Mrs. Lane was the author of "Nancy Stair," "Katrine" and other books.

Miss Emma Patten, '05, who was maid of honor at the wedding in June of Barbara McNaughton to Prof. Judson S. Rosebush, of Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., spent the winter in Europe with her mother.

Olive Howard Waring, '05, who has been abroad for two years, studying singing, violin and languages, expects to return home in the fall.

The engagement has been announced of Elizabeth Van Buskirk, '06, to Mr. Arthur Hamilton, Jr.

Jean Fitch, '06, is to return to this country soon. She has been abroad for a year.

Madame India Belle Fleming Corea, '06, has been in New Orleans since January. She is now visiting her mother in Washington before going abroad for a year's travel.

Mr. Orator Frank Woodward, whose marriage to Persis Earle Davis, '08, took place March eleventh, is a brother of Eleanor Woodward, a non-graduate, who was maid of honor. Marguerite Marvin, Gladys Sherin, '07, and Margaret Van Dyck were bridesmaids.

Iris Masters, '09, sailed for Europe June twelfth, with Katherine Niles, '09, and her parents.

The editors of the Annual will be grateful if the members of the Alumnae Association will notify them of any change of address, and send promptly notices of births, marriages and deaths, and any personal items of general interest. These notices may be addressed to "Secretary of the Alumnae Association, 1100 M Street," and the secretary will see that they reach whoever is in charge of the Annual for

the year. If all members would bear this request in mind and send in these notices during the year, the work of editing the Annual would be much simplified.

The M. V. S. Club, of New York, has changed its address, and is now at the Colonial Tea Rooms, 20 West 33d Street. Here on the first Monday of each month tea will be served at four o'clock, and any former pupils of the school living or visiting in the city, will be most welcome. They will be always cordially received by whoever is entertaining for the day, and may register in the book kept for that purpose, and so come in touch with old school friends and meet new ones in the familiar bond of loyalty to M. V. S.

The engagement has been announced of Margaret Gardiner to Mr. George Hulst. She sailed from Montreal for Liverpool on June third, to spend the summer abroad.

Miss Elizabeth Reeside, a non-graduate, has been a student in the Metropolitan Opera School in New York this winter. She will resume her studies there in the autumn.

The following is a list of marriages of non-graduates:

Grace Eleanor Marks, to Mr. Samuel Montrose Parker, June 27, 1908.

Henrietta Fink, to Lieutenant Charles H. Fischer, U. S. N., September 2, 1908.

Marguerite Long, to Mr. Glenwood Tremaine Cummings, September 16, 1908.

Elise Content Gardner, to Mr. Allan Phillips Hume, October 1, 1908.

Agnes Martin Chapman, to Mr. Chauncey Calver Griggs, October 5, 1900.

Grace Unger, to Mr. George La Rue Masters, October 12, 1908.

Golden Filer, to Mr. Albert Leland leGro, October 21, 1908.

Anne Purdy Southerland, to Mr. David Walter Gibson, October 21, 1908.

Frederika Schwatka, to Mr. Elmore Hurst Stafford, October 28, 1908.

Mary Snell Hubbell, to Mr. William Lomax Graves, Jr., November 10, 1908.

Eleanor Granger, to Mr. Felix Renouf Holt, Pay Corps, U. S. N., November 11, 1908.

Eva Dorothy Greene, to Mr. Harry Richard Langslow, November 11, 1908.

Genevieve Jefferson, to Mr. Robert Hilt Cochrane, June 29, 1909.

Belem de Aspiroz, to Mr. Frederick Hortop, July 6, 1909.

Elizabeth Danforth Corliss, to Mr. Earl Hollay, November 16, 1908.

Harriet Velina Ankeny, to Captain Francis Horton Pope, U. S. A., November 18, 1908.

Margaret Kyle Benedict, to Mr. Stanley Morris Wiley, November 21, 1908.

Rachel Gardiner, to Mr. Charles Green, December 9, 1908.

Helen Eames, to Mr. Noble E. Vincent, December 12, 1908.

Etta Valer Portner, to Mr. William Payne Meredith, December 16, 1908.

Lolita Wheaton, to Mr. Arthur Studley Hart, December 31, 1908.

Mary Davenport Cartwright, to Mr. Clarence Silas Pickrell, January 7, 1909.

Grace Dean Wood, to Mr. Robert Wilson Jackson, January 16, 1909.

Rosalia Willard, to Mr. Nathaniel N. Leonard, January 18, 1909.

Charlotte Riggs Gardner, to Mr. Sumner Thompson McCall, February 3, 1909.

Harriet Peck, to Mr. Robert Newkirk Smither, February 15, 1909.

Charlotte Padgitt, to Mr. George Vallandighan Rotan, March 11, 1909.

Margaret Grant Gray, to Mr. Robert Philip Flint, April 6, 1909.

Maud Batchelder, to Mr. Charles Vosburgh, April 14, 1909.

Anne Rafferty, to Mr. Edmund Kiernan Trent, April 17, 1909, at the Church of San Silvestro, Rome.

Helen Rook, to Mr. Walter Taber Grange, April 17, 1909.

Gertrude Pelton Boyer, to Mr. Frederick Sweet Stearns, April 21, 1909.

Rowena Hayward, to Mr. Arthur L. Woodman, May 15, 1909.

Annie Knight, to Mr. Stephen B. Ames, June 3, 1909.

Helen Berger, to Mr. William Jennings Bryan, Jr., June 24, 1909.

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The Alumnae Reunion

The Alumnae Reunion of the M. V. S. Alumnae Association, held in the Music Room of the School, May 21, 1910, was opened by the presentation of the Class of 1910 to the President of the Association by Mrs. Elsa Chamberlain Mower, '91. Miss Skillman, '88, President of the Association, welcomed the incoming class with a few happily chosen words, to which Miss Ruth Parker, President of the Class, responded.

As has been her custom for several years past, Mrs. Somers called the roll of the M. V. S. Alumnae Association. This is one of the most significant and impressive incidents of the Reunion. This year we felt more strongly than ever the shadowy presence of every M. V. S. graduate, even though there was no audible response as her name was called.

Mrs. Somers then spoke of the unchanged ideals and standards of the School. She wished to impress upon us, she said, that those ideals are today and have always been such as make for Christian character and for noble, gracious, helpful and efficient womanhood.

The Recording Secretary then read the minutes of the preceding meeting, which were accepted. Corresponding Secretary's report was also read and accepted.

Miss Mary Warner, as Regent of the M. V. S. Society, gave a very interesting report of the work done at Neighborhood House. Because of her personal touch with the undertaking, she was able to cite specific instances of the work done not only directly among the children but also in their homes.

The President asked for the donation of certain Alumnae Annuals needed to complete the file, and the Association gratefully acknowledged Mrs. Somers' willingness to grant a corner of the library in which the Annuals are to be kept under the special care of the Librarian of the School.

At Mrs. Somers' suggestion a change was made in the date of publishing the Annual because of the difficulty of acquiring material of Alumnae interest during the summer months.

After the reading of a telegram from Miss Scull, a former much-loved member of the Faculty, the business meeting adjourned.

A short social period in the music room was followed by the luncheon served in the Chapel.

Instead of the usual toasts and responses the Luncheon Committee had decided to ask from various members of the Association accounts of unique or interesting experience. Miss Masters, '09, told of her school days in Lausanne; Miss Oldham, '08, described the interesting manners, customs and regulations of Territet School in Switzerland, where she spent several months; Miss Florence Ingram, '02, quondam guest last winter at the White House, contrasted for us the simple home life actually lived there with the grave formality of its official functions. Mrs. Addie Burr Clarke, '88, representing the M. V. S. Club of New York City, spoke of the interest of that organization in a former M. V. S. teacher and said that the members had been able to lighten her burdens and cheer her by securing her pupils and by the renewing of old-time relationships. Mrs. Clarke extended a cordial invitation to all M. V. S. girls in New York and vicinity to become members of the Club and to all M. V. S. girls to visit it at the Colonial Tea Rooms, W. 33d Street, New York. Lastly, Mrs. Somers gave an account of her trip to Egypt, paying especial tribute to Cairo, the Nile and the marvelous Egyptian color effects.

The president of the Class of 1910 gave a vote of thanks to the Class of 1911 for their share in our entertainment and the singing of the school songs of 1908 and 1910 and of the class song of 1910 closed the Reunion.

Treasurer's Report

Annual, 1909, 200 copies	\$100.00
Balance on hand January 1, 1910	61.82
By dues	313.00
	\$374.82
Annual notices	\$5.75
Post cards	6.50
Postage	21.08
Reunion invitations	16.25
Luncheon, including service	144.20
Cards and programs	3.60
	\$197.38
Amount received	\$374.82
Amount paid out	197.38
Balance on hand October 1, 1910	\$177.44

M. V. S. Society—Regent's Report

The fifth year of the M. V. S. Free Kindergarten in Neighborhood House has been wonderfully successful in the results accomplished among the children:

Miss Holman, who is in charge of the Kindergarten, gives most encouraging reports of the work. Her enthusiasm is an inspiration to all who know her and her devotion and interest in each one of the kindergarten children cannot fail to have a telling influence upon them.

Sixty children have been enrolled, but a few were obliged, for good reasons, to withdraw early in the year. The average attendance is forty.

During the winter the children have had numerous special pleasures; the Christmas tree, when they presented their parents with gifts which they had made themselves, Washington's Birthday, and Easter celebrations. Miss Holman took them for a walk to the Barracks and talked to them about the birds and flowers. The spring festival at Neighborhood House would not have been complete without the children's part. They had their little entertainment on the opening day. Through the kindness of the Superintendent of Kindergartens the children were taken to the fête at the Smithsonian Grounds in which all the kindergartens of the city took part.

The financial side of the work has been difficult, and but for the constant efforts of a few faithful workers the Kindergarten could not have been kept open this year. About six hundred dollars was raised at the bazaar given just before Christmas in the School. The Lend-a-Hand Society and the

Domestic Science Classes have helped us wonderfully with various donations during the year. The Glee Club concert netted one hundred and fifty-eight dollars. Miss Guard suggested and very successfully carried out a plan of having weekly teas at the School for the benefit of the Kindergarten. In this way two hundred dollars was raised. At Miss Irene Brainerd's fair at the Hamilton House in February about thirty-nine dollars were cleared. A generous gift of three hundred dollars from Mrs. Somers prevented the closing of the Kindergarten and earned for the donor the heartfelt gratitude of every member of the Society.

During the five years since the M. V. S. Society was organized seventy-five hundred dollars have been raised. It is a large sum, but all those who know what has been accomplished feel that every dollar has been well spent.

We hope that next year increased interest on the part of old members and the acquisition of many energetic new ones may enable us to continue to meet our obligations to fifty little children who need us.

MARY WARNER.

Commencement Week

On Thursday evening, May 19th, a Piano and Song Recital inaugurated the festivities of Commencement Week. Genevieve Spencer and Barbara Waldo represented the Class of 1910, the former by a delightful rendition of Mozart's "The Violet," the latter by Godard's lovely "Berceuse" from "Jocelyn."

Saturday morning, May 21st, the Alumnae Association held its Annual Reunion and Luncheon at the School.

For the first time in several years the Senior Class gave a play on the evening known as "Class Night," Tuesday, May 24th. "Pride and Prejudice," dramatized by Miss MacKage, was the play given under the direction of Mrs. Elsa Chamberlain Mower, '91. The quaint characters were portrayed with genuine Jane Austen spirit. Phoebe Weaver as "Mrs. Bennet" and Margaret Downey as "Mr. Collins" invoked delighted laughter from the large audience present, while Nona Murray's radiant "Elizabeth" and Barbara Waldo's charming "Jane" received a generous share of praise. Dorothy Humphrey interpreted the somewhat enigmatical "Mr. Darcy" and Anna Kidder played "Mr. Bingley." The play was given in the ball-room of the New Willard, and we are indebted to Mrs. Mower for the careful training of the performers and the artistic presentation of the play.

Wednesday morning, at half-past ten, School Day exercises were held in the Chapel, which was tastefully decorated with our well-loved yellow and white. Barbara Waldo, Genevieve Spencer and Mary Cas-

sell represented 1910 by songs and a piano solo. Madeleine Meacham read her essay on "Physical Efficiency," which had been chosen from the Senior essays to be read on School Day. After the reading of the School records for the year, the banner was presented to the Juniors and the Seniors abdicated their seats in favor of 1911.

The Senior Ivy exercises were to have been held on Wednesday evening in Senior House garden, but on account of inclement weather they took place in the Chapel. The program consisted of the Class History, Statistics, Lamentation, Grinds and Will. Then followed farewell toasts, the presentation of the loving cup to the Class of 1911, and the formal acceptance, and in conclusion, the Class Poem by Elise Browning.

Thursday morning, May 26th, at eleven o'clock, the graduating exercises were held in the ball-room of the New Willard. As usual Mr. Joseph Kaspar's orchestra rendered the excellent instrumental music. Miss Bogle and Mrs. Franceska Kaspar Lawson, '00, sang and Rev. Floyd W. Tompkins, of Philadelphia, delivered an address on "The Spirit We Need," after which Mrs. Somers presented the diplomas to the Class of 1910.

The program was as follows:

PROCESSIONAL *Lachner*
LARGO *Handel*

PRAYER

THE REV. BISHOP CRANSTON

INTERMEZZO *Delibes*

ARIA—*Mon Coeur s'ouvre a ta voix*
(Samson and Delilah), *St. Saëns*

MISS BOGLE

ADDRESS TO GRADUATING CLASS

"THE SPIRIT WE NEED"

REV. FLOYD W. TOMPKINS, D.D.
SONG—Thou Brilliant Bird *David*
MISS KASPAR
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS
BENEDICTION
CORONATION MARCH *Meyerbeer*
MUSICAL DIRECTOR, MR. JOSEPH KASPAR

The New M. V. S. School Song

The following school song was written last year by the pupils in Miss Colgan's Junior English Class. It was given as a competitive exercise to the class, and fully as many verses equally good had to be refused on account of the length of the song. The following verses were written each by a different member of the class. They are sung to Rev. Maltbie Babcock's beautiful setting of "Jerusalem the Golden."

Alma Mater

Our Alma Mater glorious
 With loving hearts and proud
 We crown thee all-victorious
 And sing thy praise aloud.
In loyalty we serve thee
 And strive to heed thy call;
Mt. Vernon, O Mt. Vernon,
 Through self to conquer all.

You give unfailing kindness
 If trouble meet us here;
You foster all our pleasures
 And make them seem more dear.
Nor time nor care nor sorrow
 Can these fair days erase,
But they with each tomorrow
 Help us new tasks to face.

Like breath of Spring's fresh morning.
That lifts the heart to song,
When courage droops and wavers
And paths seem gray and long,
Will come thy dauntless spirit
To help us on the way.
Mt. Vernon, O Mt. Vernon,
Hold fast thy tender sway.

The changing years may bring us
Some longed-for dream of bliss,
Yet memory will cherish
A sympathy we miss.
In hours of joy or sadness,
Whate'er our need may be,
Mt. Vernon, O Mt. Vernon,
Thy children turn to thee.

School Happenings

All Hallowe'en, October 31st, was celebrated by an old-fashioned fair, the fair grounds being as faithfully represented as space would allow. There were peddlers of lemonade and light refreshments, and on every side were booths with such tempting signs as "This way for the Prize Baby" (Marie Reed, '10, by the way), "The Wonderful Two-Headed Lady," etc. There was an interesting program, including a potato race, a May-pole dance, a band of Morris dancers, who gave an exhibition of their characteristic antics, and some gruesome witches who swayed to and fro and wove spells over a big black cauldron. At the close of the program supper was served in the reading rooms.

The principal event of 1910 was a Christmas fair for the benefit of the M. V. S. Free Kindergarten. This was held in the music room and library. Among the many tastefully arranged tables, those for fruit and candy, silk bags of every description, and Deerfield bayberry dips were especially attractive. The Class of 1910 presided over a big table loaded with pretty little necessities for wrapping up Christmas gifts. In the foyer a telegraph and postoffice had been arranged and the various messages and packages furnished a great deal of fun and also added materially to the financial success of the affair. The entire amount realized was about six hundred dollars.

Not long before the Christmas vacation the M. V. S. Free Kindergarten children were invited to the school to hunt peanuts, pin on the donkey's

tail, and generally amuse themselves. After this part of the program the forty little folks sang and played games, and then partook largely of the ice cream and cake provided. The afternoon was very enjoyable to the hostesses as well as the small guests.

Washington's Birthday was celebrated by a character-party, or gathering of famous men and women. Martha and George Washington received the guests in the Chapel which was transformed into a great tent by red, white and blue crepe paper. The Faculty looked on from the platform and some of them were even seen among the dancers in the guise of Indians or Colonial ladies.

The Optima Club had many successful meetings throughout the year. The new members submitted gracefully to the rigorous initiation exacted—that is, to play or sing, or make posters for the various entertainments of the Club.

Early in May Phoebe Weaver, '01, entertained the Senior Class at dinner. The tables were beautifully decorated with red carnations, the class flower, and the favors were Chanticler parasols.

Thursday, April 28th, the Juniors gave a delightful banquet to the Class of 1910. The tables were set in the music room, and the red carnations of 1910 with 1909's lilies of the valley formed an harmonious decoration.

On Friday, April 15th, Senior Day, the Senior themes, selected by the judges, were read. Because of the increasing number of Seniors during the past year, it has been necessary to select from the essay work of the Senior Class only the themes most suited in every way to public reading. The Senior themes are submitted to a committee chosen from the members of the Faculty, and the fifteen best essays chosen for reading on Senior Day.

This year the Class of 1910 presented for our

consideration the subject, Conservation, a question of great political and national importance at this time. The program, which was given on May 15th before Mrs. Somers, Mrs. Hensley and the school, was as follows. The marked essays were chosen for public reading:

Program

CONSERVATION

*I. Proem

MARGARET P. DOWNEY

*II. The Aesthetic Viewpoint

ELSIE BROWNING

III. Conservation of National Resources

a Forests

1. Their Utilization and Relation
to Other Resources

HELEN C. CUDAHY

2. Their Waste and Conservation

ELIZABETH PICKENS

b Water

- *1. Its Utilization

MARIE L. REED

2. Its Waste and Conservation

RUTH PARKER

c Soil

- *1. Its Waste and Conservation

HELEN V. KELLY

d Mineral Resources

- *1. Their Waste, FRANCES E. THOMPSON

- *2. Their Conservation

PHOEBE M. WEAVER

*Selected to be read Senior Day.

e Game, Fur and Marine Animals

1. Their Waste and Conservation

MILDRED T. BACON

f Birds

1. Their Waste and Conservation

ELIZABETH M. TESTWUIDE

g Fish

1. Their Waste and Conservation

DOROTHY M. FOSTER

h Land

*1. Land-Tenure Systems

MARY L. CASSELL

2. Land Waste, FLORENCE I. THOMPSON

*3. Land Conservation

DOROTHY HUMPHREY

i Money

*1. Its Waste and Conservation.

HELEN T. WINTON

**j* Privileges: Their Use and Abuse

GENEVIEVE H. SPENCER

k A Method of Conservation

MARION TRUE

l Human Life

1. Waste of

a By Accidents

ELIZABETH V. HEIM

b By Disease

(1) General ESTELLE BRICK

(2) Infant Mortality

HARRIET LOTHROP

c By Industrial Conditions

* (1) A General Survey

ANNA C. KIDDER

(2) Woman's Work

MARIE MITCHELL

* (3) The Toxin of Fatigue

BEATRICE McCOMB

2. Race Deterioration SUE COURTS
3. Conservation of
 - a The Nation's Responsibility
 - (1) General Means
ANITA FIRESTONE
 - (2) Recreation
MILDRED BURNETT
 - b The Individual's Responsibility
 - *(1) Physical Efficiency
MADELEINE M. MEACHAM
 - *(2) Mental Efficiency
ELIZABETH PATTERSON
 - *m Woman's Work in Conservation
BARBARA S. WALDO
- *IV. The Real Significance of Conservation
NONA MURRAY

The Proem, by Margaret P Downey, set forth the evils of waste. Elsie Browning, in her Aesthetic Viewpoint, showed how the resources of the natural world are too beautiful to be rashly squandered. Then followed expositions of various departments—Forests, Water, Soil, Mineral Resources, Game, Marine Animals, Birds, Fish, Land, Money, Privileges, and Human Life in which waste is most deplorable, and conservation most necessary. These were discussed and methods of conservation set forth. Barbara Waldo in "Woman's Work in Conservation," and Nona Murray with "The Real Significance of Conservation," fitly closed this interesting and significant program.

On Friday, May 6th, the Glee Club, under the direction of Mrs. Payne, gave a concert for the benefit of the M. V. S Free Kindergarten. Miss Bogle sang a group of songs, "Chauson Florian,"

"Husheen," "White Throat," and the much-loved aria, "Mon couer o'uovre à ta voix." Among the most popular chorus numbers were "Twilight Dreams," "Carmena," and "Roses Everywhere." The quality of the voices was excellent and the performance was most creditable both to Mrs. Payne and the Club. The sum cleared for the kindergarten was one hundred and fifty-eight dollars.

Births

November 12, 1909, a daughter, Margery Edwina, to Mrs. Margery Pitt Durant Campbell, '05.

January 10, 1910, a daughter, Elizabeth Ashley, to Mrs. Elizabeth Rankin Crossett, '05.

August 1, 1908, a daughter, Lois Torinus, to Mrs. Lois Torinus Tolon, '04.

June 1910, a daughter, to Mrs. Sybil Dugan Unger, '08.

July 3, 1910, a daughter, Eleanor, to Mrs. Emmeline Spry Keyes, '06.

June, 1910, a son, to Mrs. Marion Foster Cochran, '07.

August 28, 1910, a daughter, to Mrs. Margaretta Myer Rice, '03.

August, 1909, a son, George Walter Johnson, 2d, to Mrs. Grace Phillips Johnson, '97.

July 25, 1910, a daughter, Mary Grosvenor, to Mrs. Mary Day Boyd, '04.

November 1909, a daughter, to Vina Shattuck Beals, '03.

July 1910, a son and daughter, to Belle Hinman Lammers, '02.

Marriages

Mabel N. Kent, '03, to Mr. William H. Linkins, October 21, 1909.

Gertrude Scott Hewitt, '07, to Mr. Leonard Earle Wood, March 30, 1910.

Mildred Finckle, '06, to Mr. James Shepperd Bur-russ, April 27, 1910.

Mabel Adelaide Walker, '94, to Mr. James Barrett Carter, October 18, 1910.

Helen Marsh, '06, to Mr. Samuel McClintock, June 2, 1910.

Mary Marguerite Otis, '95, to Mr. Ross Williams.

Virginia Johnson, '07, to Mr. Harold Stockton Cook, November 18, 1909.

Nellie Blanche Ford, '92, to Dr. Harry Norton Torrey, September 15, 1909.

Minnie Lou Bryant, '08, to Mr. James W. Hutchinson, September 24, 1910.

Charlotte Emilie Plamondon, '04, to Mr. Allen Bradford Ripley.

Gertrude Mulford, '07, to Mr. Robert Steward Woodbridge, April 2, 1910.

Ruth Prentiss, '06, to Mr. Frank Earle Roth, October 5, 1909.

June Monroe Henley, '09, to Mr. William Carl Kellenring, August 16, 1909.

Florence Angeline Brace, '05, to Mr. James Alger-non Darsie, October 27, 1909.

Allison Moore, '07, to Mr. Alfred J. Kieckhefer.

Gladys Evalyn Sherin, '07, to Mr. Arthur Hetherington, June 25, 1910.

Franceska Kaspar, '00, to Dr. Huron Lawson, September 14, 1910.

Marion Virginia Lutz, '00, to Mr. Bruce Edmund Clarke, August 10, 1910.

Evangeline Casteel, '08, to Mr. Frank William Head, November 2, 1910.

Laura Clarice Pratt, '99, to Dr. John Edwin James, Jr., November 9, 1910.

Mrs. Elizabeth Herrick Wilson, '91, to Rev. George Thomas Lawton, October 26, 1910.

Deaths

May, 1910, Rev. George E. Maydwell, father of Alice Maydwell, '05.

January 2, 1910, Lois Bush, eight months old daughter of Mrs. Bertha Bush Torinus, '04.

May 18, 1910, Mrs. Anna Upshar Seymour Ames, mother of Anne S. Ames, '88.

November, 1909, Mr. Eugene Unger, father of Mrs. Grace Unger Masters and Helen Unger, '08.

April, 1910, Mr. A. J. Halford, father of Ruth Halford, '01.

April, 1910, Mrs. J. E. Andrus, mother of Helen Andrus, '09.

April, 1910, Mrs. D. V. Barkalow, mother of Jean Barkalow, '09.

September 13, 1910, Mr. Albert Thorp Ryan, husband of Elise Dufour, '94.

August, 1910, Mr. Samuel Elmore, father of Mrs. Susan Elmore Horadon, '98, Mrs. Floretta Elmore Shriber, '99, and Elsie Elmore, '04.

October 3, 1910, Rev. Alfred H. Ames, father of Anne S. Ames, '81.

DR. ALFRED H. AMES
MRS. ANNA UPSHAR SEYMOUR AMES

In these first days of a new school year, when we are reassembling for work and friendship, we turn aside to sympathize with one of the best-loved of our school-body, Miss Anne Seymour Ames, '81, who has recently lost both her father and her mother. After many years of great suffering, borne with almost angelic patience, Mrs. Ames passed sweetly into rest. Her death was a victory over great pain. To us who knew Dr. Ames and who felt the wisdom and kindness of his teaching, his death is the loss of a friend. But Dr. and Mrs. Ames still live in the devoted love of their dear daughter. The Alumnae Association extends to her its sincere and earnest sympathy.

Personals

Mollie Knapp, '97, and Caroline Janney, '96, visited Mrs. Grace Phillips Johnson, '97, in August at Newcastle, Pa.

Emma Patten, '05, who has spent a great deal of time since she left school in the study of singing in Paris, will make her first concert tour the coming season under the direction of J. E. Francke.

Mrs. Hugh R. Wilson, of Evanston, and her daughter, Miss Mary Wilson, were the guests of Mrs. Somers at her country home in the Blue Ridge, in August. Mrs. Tallmadge, of Evanston, and Miss Abby Louise Tallmadge visited Mrs. Somers in June.

Several parties from the school were traveling in Europe this summer. Mrs. Payne had with her Frances Nash, Jean Cudahy, '08, Helen Cudahy, '10, and Nora Forthman, '08. With Mrs. Mower were Elizabeth Heim, '10, and Marguerite Van Camp. In Miss Ashley's party were: Margaret Bigelow, Dorothy Humphrey, '10, Katherine McNeeley, '09, Harriet McGill, '08, Helen Winton, '10, Irene Brown, Elsie Foerderer, '09, Nella Wetherill, '09, Lucy Lauck, '09, and Dorothy Foster, '10. This party sailed May 31st, crossing from New York to Naples, spending a month in Italy, visiting Pompeii, Capri, Rome, Florence, Venice and Milan. In Switzerland they visited Zermatt, Geneva, Montreux, Chillon, Interlaken and Lucerne. They attended the Passion Play at Oberammergau, staying at the Villa Daheim, the home of Anton Lang, who plays the part of the Christus. The party spent nine days in Paris and nine in London. In London they had the pleasure

of seeing Mrs. Marie Peters Thorns, '04, who is now living in England. Returning home on the 26th of August, the party sailed from Liverpool to Quebec, where they separated after a most delightful trip.

Miss Kurtz traveled in Europe this summer with Mrs. Woodward and Elinor Woodward.

Katherine Niles, '09, spent the summer traveling abroad with her parents. She expects to live in Boston this winter.

Mrs. Cornelia Uriquit McPherson, '91, visited Mrs. Roberta Wolf Beuhler, '90, at her home in Lakeville, Conn., in March, and was present at the luncheon of the M. V. S. Society in New York.

Miss Edith Samson, who has been a valued member of the Faculty for some years, has become the principal of the Lakewood School for girls at Lakewood, N. J.

One of the most successful features of the past year was the Domestic Science Department under the charge of Miss Trippett. This includes not only the study of cooking, but of housekeeping in its various branches. It has been a most popular class and was crowded to overflowing.

Dorothy Beall, '08, spent the summer in Europe traveling with Miss Wilkie.

Miss Curtis, one of the new members of our Faculty last year, has accepted the position of general secretary of the Y. W. C. A. in her Alma Mater, Wellesley College.

Mrs. Eleanor Brush Hempstead, '91, spent the month of August at Spring Lake, Mich.

Miss Brouse and Miss Grace Temple, of Washington, spent the summer traveling in Italy and Germany.

Miss Jean Eddy, who has been in charge of the physical culture work for a number of years, will be greatly missed this year. Miss Eddy expects to spend the winter abroad.

Miss Taylor spent the summer near Washington in charge of the summer home for children.

Miss Bogle traveled this summer in Europe with Mr. and Mrs. Weaver and Phoebe Weaver, '10.

The department of voice culture has been in charge, the past year, of Mrs. Elsa Chamberlain Mower, '91, who has been for some years past the principal assistant of Mrs. Millward Adams, of Chicago. Mrs. Mower's work has been most successful. The Senior play, "Pride and Prejudice," given under her direction, was most artistic and charming in every way.

Miss Dunster, a former member of our Faculty, is now the head of the department of modern language at the William Penn High School for Girls in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Daisy Squier Phelps spent the summer at Kingston, N. Y., where she received a visit from Mrs. Hedwig Brand Gottfried, '94, and her oldest son.

Grace Terrill, '96, visited Mrs. Grace Phillips Johnson, '97, at her home in Newcastle, Pa., in September. Ruth Carey, '02, and her sister Mary spent last winter abroad.

We welcome to the Faculty this year Madame Eleanore Peltier in the French department, and Miss Emma Schumacher, instructor in physical culture.

Agnes Baillie was a guest at the school in October when she came on to bring Kathleen, the fourth sister to come to M. V. S.

Miss Colgan spent the summer traveling in Europe with her cousin and Miss Hilda Fletcher, of Indianapolis.

Phoebe Weaver, '10, visited Margaret Downey, '10, in Lansing, Mich., in October.

Mrs. Eleanor Somers Faison, '94, will be in Washington this winter at the Westmoreland.

Several M. V. S. girls took part in the annual Aksarben celebration at Omaha, Nebr., this year. Frances Nash was Queen, and among the ladies of honor were Helen Cudahy, '10, Alice Cary McGrew, '09, and Elizabeth Pickens, '10. Miss Nash is the third M. V. S. girl who has been elected Queen of the Aksarben in the last few years.

Ethel Kirkman is to make her debut in Evanston, November 19th.

Helen Cudahy, '10, will visit Phoebe Weaver, '10, at her home near Philadelphia at Thanksgiving time.

Mrs. Ethel Bogan Shaw, '95, with her baby daughter is spending the year in Naples.

Dorothy Landers Beall, '08, who is now a member of our Faculty, has just published a volume of poems.

Stella Ford, '98, and her sister, Mrs. Nell Ford Torrey, spent the winter in Egypt.

Mrs. Martha Stockton Russell, a non-graduate, visited the school in May.

Miss Iris Lucille Masters, '09, returned to this country early in the spring after a most interesting and enjoyable year in the Old Country.

Mrs. Gertrude Mulford Woodbridge, '07; Rose and Malinda Robertson and Mrs. Allison Moore Kieckhefer, '07, visited the school this year.

Cards have been received for the wedding of Winifred Davis to Lieut. Richard C. Moore, U. S. A., December 7, 1910.

The deaths of two M. V. S. non-graduates occurred this year: Margaret Bacon, at El Paso, Texas, December 1, 1909, and that of Mrs. H. F. Good (Anna Hoxie), September 14, 1909. Mrs. Good was autoing with her mother and brother when the car became uncontrollable and overturned.

Following is a list of marriages of the non-graduates which have occurred during the past year:

Virginia Stout Gooch, to Mr. Clifford William Kaifer, April 6, 1910.

Gertrude Terull Bodine to Midshipman Frederick Howard Babcock, June 8, 1910.

Helen Hill, to Mr. George Mason Hawes, April 5, 1910.

Grace Rowley to Thomas Caldwell Ridgeway, June 2, 1910.

Laura Stotsenburg to Lieut. Charles Russell Mayo, 10th Cavalry, June 1, 1910.

Agnes Louise Gahan to Mr. Charles Lyle Barnes, April 28, 1910.

Gladys Matilda Brace to Mr. Ollie J. Vilsack, April 21, 1910.

Charlotte Margaret Gardiner to Mr. George Duryee Hulst December 22, 1909.

Eva Dulany to Dr. Archibald Cary Randolph, April 26, 1910.

Helen Beale Hibbs to Mr. Edgar K. Legg, Jr., March 10, 1910.

Gretchen Pack to Mr. Joseph Hanson Rose, April 12, 1910.

Irene Turner to Mr. William Atwood Brooks, October 20, 1909.

Mrs. Annie de Rosset Harris to Mr. William Richard Sullivan, March 28, 1910.

Adeline Lobdell to Mr. Henry Atwater, March 29, 1910.

Salena Virginia Ernest to Mr. Philip Arthur Lehman, February 7, 1910.

Golden Myrtle Filer to Dr. Albert Leland Le Gro, October 21, 1909.

Mary Kirkwood Calder to Rev. George Preston Mains, December 9, 1909.

Sarah Lucille Mellon to Mr. Alexander Dickson Grange, October 20, 1909.

Helen Louise Harrison, daughter of Mrs. Alla Marlow Harrison, '81, to Mr. Walter Scott Pratt, Jr., September 16, 1909.

Genevieve Church Jefferson to Mr. Robert Hilt Cochrane June 29, 1909.

Jessie Nicoll Baillie to Mr. William Reynolds Ripley, September 15, 1909.

Mary Tousey Wilson, to Mr. Francis Marion Wigmore, October 6, 1910.

Julie Dent Grant, to Mr. Edmund C. King, October, 1910.

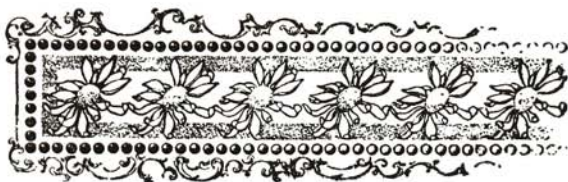
The Annual appears this year after the summer vacation instead of before it, because its publication in June detains the editorial committee in Washington during the hot weather, and also because there are many more items of personal interest at the end of the summer.

Members of the Alumnae Association will greatly assist the editorial committee by sending them at any and all times of the year any personal notice of general interest, whether of graduates or non-graduates. Any change of address should be sent promptly to the corresponding secretary of the association.

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*To All Members of the Alumnae Association
of Mount Vernon Seminary.*

Greeting:

Through the generosity of Mrs. Somers this twenty-third "Annual" of the Alumnae Association is being sent to every one of its members, although subscriptions have been received from less than one-half of its full number. The "Annual" is sent with a desire of bringing into closer touch with M. V. S. those who have dropped out of active interest and work in the Association. The "Old Girls" are not forgotten in the school of which they have been loved and trusted members, and it is hoped and believed that their interest will be so quickened by the coming of this "Annual" with its news of the old school friends, and its reminders of the old school life, that in future they will not fail of keeping in vital touch with their Alma Mater through subscription to this yearly messenger.



The Alumnae Reunion

The annual Reunion of the M. V. S. Alumnae Association was held on Saturday, May 20, 1911, in the Music Room of the School. The President, Miss Marguerite Weller, presided. Mrs. Elsa Chamberlain Mower introduced the twenty-one members of the Class of 1911, and Miss Weller, in a most gracious and charming address, welcomed them into the Association. Miss Irene Brown, President of the Class of 1911, responded.

Mrs. Somers then called the roll of the Association; eighty-nine members answered to their names. Miss Scull sent her customary telegram of affectionate greetings.

Following the roll call, the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved. The President made a few explanatory remarks relative to the changes in the Constitution. The Treasurer, Mrs. Lillian Lake Chance, reported a balance of \$203.78 on hand.

In the absence of Mrs. Mary Warner Cooke, the Regent of the M. V. S. Society, Mrs. Hensley, reported on the work done at the Kindergarten at Neighborhood House during the year. The Association, as a whole, was called upon to vote on the question of dues of the M. V. S. Society. After considerable discussion it was decided that no changes should be made. The Treasurer of the M. V. S. Society reported a balance of \$390.37 in the bank.

Mrs. Somers made an earnest appeal that every married member of the Association sending to the School communications of any nature should add her maiden name to her married name. This concluded the business meeting of the Association.

Luncheon was then served in the chapel where an interesting program was also enjoyed, the general subject being "The Old and the New—a Comparison."

The program was opened by the reading of a paper written by Mrs. Mary Stewart Carey, '77, entitled, "What Our Daughters Expect of Us." Mrs. Chance, '99, then spoke on "What We Expect of Our Daughters." Mrs. Mower, '91, gave a delightful reading of a proposal of olden time from Jane Porter's "Thaddeus of Warsaw." Miss Anna Kidder, '10, next read a modern proposal from a recent story, "The Californian." Woman's sphere, as presented in Tennyson's "Princess," was read by Miss Nona Murray, '10. Mrs. Jessie Dimmick Van Deusen, '00, then read a charming paper comparing "Ye Olden-Time Lady of the Steel Engraving" to the modern "Gibson Girl." Selections from "A Letter to the Rising Generation," by Cornelia Corner, were read by Miss Harriet McGill, '08. Frances Oldham, '08, read selections from Anne Hard's article, entitled "The Younger Generation." A most energetic response to the last two articles was given by Miss Harriet Walker, '81, in "A Letter from a College Girl." The entire program was charmingly illustrated by tableaux presented by members of the Junior Class. The closing tableau entitled "How Ridiculous You Look, My Dear!" illustrated styles of dress of yesterday and today. Following the last tableau came the presentation by Miss Weller (on behalf of the Association) of a monocle to each member of the Senior Class. These are surely typical of the modern spirit.

With the singing of the 1911 class song, and the new M. V. S. School song the Reunion of 1911 came to a close.

LUCY D. LAUCK, '09.

Recording Secretary.

Treasurer's Report

Annuals for 1910	\$126.50
Balance on hand January, 1911	\$51.69
Returned by Annual Com. Feb., 1911	.75
By dues for 1911	330.00
Paid up back dues	22.00
Amount received	\$404.44
Annual notices for dues	\$5.75
Postage	28.16
Reunion invitations	18.00
Luncheon, including service	142.00
Place cards	6.75
Amount disbursed	\$200.66
Balance on hand Sept. 25, 1911..	\$203.78

LILIAN A. LAKE CHANCE,
Treasurer.



Domestic Science Class

The Louisa House Garden



Report of M. V. S. Society

After the M. V. S. Society, in the spring of 1910, had regretfully decided that the Kindergarten in Neighborhood House, being too great an expense, must be given up, Miss Guard suggested an excellent plan by which it might be continued.

She secured the promise of two assistants from Rust Hall who volunteered to give their services if we would pay car fare, which amounted to about four dollars a month. The Society agreed to raise the money for Miss Holeman's salary and any incidental running expenses. * These were very small indeed, as Miss Holeman put into operation a new scheme of having each child bring two cents a day, unless, of course, he really could not afford it. This plan worked very well; the parents liked to feel that they were contributing to the support of the Kindergarten, and the pennies brought by the children counted up so fast that they paid for nearly all the supplies used.

The attendance for the year was good and the children were very happy. There was, however, one serious drawback to the new system. There was no music, as neither of the Rust Hall assistants could play, and its absence was keenly felt by the children, who love the music.

The members of the M. V. S. Society all felt that we must have music next year, even if we have to incur an added expense. We did not feel that we could undertake to raise enough money to pay a regular assistant, so we decided to try a new plan of having an assistant for part of the time. Miss Kent kindly promised to come for three days each

week at a salary of \$21 a month, and, if possible, we will secure a volunteer to be there when Miss Kent is away.

We hope that the Fair to be given in December will be such a wonderful success that we shall have no difficulty in meeting our expenses for the coming year.

After giving it such a splendid fresh start we must try to improve the Kindergarten every year.

MARY WARNER COOKE.

M. V. S. Society

The M. V. S. Society Free Kindergarten! Long should it live in view of what it has meant philanthropically in its connection with Neighborhood House—a social settlement of Washington.

For five years the M. V. S. Society has been responsible for the continuance of this Kindergarten—a vital factor in the well being of the community. It has, with each year, touched fifty little lives in such ways for good, that in some cases whole families, as a result, have been brought into the club and class work of the settlement. A new light in the eyes of a little child has been the cause of lessening the darkness of many a forlorn home. The work, we feel, speaks for itself, when formerly indifferent, drunken, and even cruel fathers, come to the doors of the Kindergarten to express their thanks for what the work has meant in their families, in lessons of cleanliness and order.

We most earnestly desire a growing interest in, and loyalty to, this helpful work. As M. V. S. girls we are blessed in what we have received. As M. V. S. girls shall we not be further blessed in lending our help toward blessing the lives of children less fortunate than our own?

Membership in the M. V. S. Society embraces any former student. By an annual payment of \$2.00* any "Old Girl" not now a member may become one by forwarding to her Alma Mater the following:

I hereby enclose \$2.00. Please enroll my name on the books of the M. V. S. Society.

Name

Address

*Resident members, \$1.00; non-resident members \$2.00.

J. LORNA GUARD,
Corresponding Secretary.

Mount Vernon Seminary

Program of Closing Exercises for 1910-11

Saturday, April 8th, 8 P.M., Glee Club Concert.

Thursday, April 27th, 9.30 A.M., Reading of Senior Themes.

Sunday, April 30th, 8 P.M., Installation of the Order of the Lily.

Saturday, May 6th, Moonlight Excursion on the Potomac.

Friday, May 19th, 8 P.M., Piano and Song Recital.

Saturday, May 20th, 11 A.M., Alumnae Reunion.

Sunday, May 21st, 8 P.M., Baccalaureate Sermon, by Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon, D.D.

Monday, May 22d, 10.30 A.M., School Day Exercises.

Tuesday, May 23d, 8 P.M., Senior Play, "The Conqueror," The New Willard.

Wednesday, May 24th, 11 A.M., Class Exercises; 8 P.M., Senior Tree Planting.

Thursday, May 25th, 11 A.M., Graduating Exercises, Address by Rev. Robert Johnston, D.D., The New Willard.

Commencement Week

On Friday evening, May 19th, a piano and song recital was held in the Music Room of the School. Mary Neipp, Vivian Caunt, and Josephine Lacy ably represented the Senior Class, the two former by vocal solos, the latter by a piano number.

Saturday morning, May 20th, the Alumnae Association held its Annual Reunion and Luncheon at the School. On Sunday, May 21st, the Baccalaureate Sermon was given to the graduating class by the Rev. W. R. Wedderspoon, D.D., pastor of Foundry Church, Washington, D. C.

School Day Exercises were held on Monday, May 22d, when the following enjoyable program set forth the best work done in all departments for the past year:

Program

SCHOOL SONG (1910)

PIANO DUET—Bridal March.....*Rubinstein*
MISSSES LACY AND O'CONNELL

SONNET—What the Indians have Lost
MISS GRANT

SONGS

a. It is the Time of Daffodils.....*Bath*
b. The Exchange.....*Denza*
MISS NEIPP

AN INTERPRETATION

MISS DENYS

SONGS

a. When the Roses Bloom.....*Reichardt*
b. Like the Rosebud.....*La Forge*
c. Morning*Oley Speaks*
MISS CAUNT

A GROUP OF JUNIOR VERSE

Sonnet.....*Miss d'Autremont*
Sistine Madonna.....*Miss Keller*
The Rose and the Gardner.....*Miss Link*
Laddie.....*Miss G. Peet*
Prologue to Dramatization of Paradise Lost,
Miss G. Peet
Read by MISS D'AUTREMONT

RECITATION—The Romance of the Swan's
Nest*Mrs. Browning*
MISS CLEVELAND

MY RIVER—(Objective, Subjective, Figurative)
MISS ASTRICH

SONGS

- a. To You*Hawley*
b. Early*Wassall*
c. Deep in a Rose's Glowing Heart.....*Nevin*
MISS BEESON

RECITATION—At the Sign of the Cleft Heart,
Theodosia Garrison
MISS BURROUGHS

ESSAY—Anyman—An Allegory
MISS D. PEET

SONG—Gai Butterfly*Hawley*
MISS O'CONNELL

The Senior play, "The Conqueror," written by Irene Brown, President of the Class of 1911, was presented Tuesday evening at the New Willard. The motif of the play was our School motto: "He conquers all who conquers self." The oriental setting and scenery were most artistic and effective; 1911 is to be congratulated on this admirable performance. Mrs. Ryan drilled the dancers and Mrs. Mower rehearsed and staged the play.

On Wednesday, May 24th, a large audience assembled for the Class Day Program. This consisted of Class History, Lamentation, Prophecy, Class Will and Testament, Class Poem, and finally the presentation of the School Banner by Irene Brown, '11, its acceptance by Bessie O'Connell, '12, and the abdication of the Senior seats.

After the reading of the Class Poem, Irene Brown presented to Mrs. Somers a copy of the Senior "Annual" containing the annals of the Class of 1911. The program closed with the singing of the School song written by this class last year when

they were Juniors. It was given as a competitive exercise to the class, and fully as many verses equally good had to be refused on account of the length of the song. The following stanzas were written each by a different member of the class. They are sung to Rev. Maltbie Babcock's beautiful setting of "Jerusalem the Golden."

Alma Mater

I

Our Alma Mater glorious,
With loving hearts and proud
We crown thee all victorious
And sing thy praise aloud.
In loyalty we serve thee
And strive to heed thy call,
Mount Vernon, O, Mount Vernon!
Through self to conquer all.

II

You give unfailing kindness
If trouble meet us here;
You foster all our pleasures
And make them seem more dear.
Nor time, nor care, nor sorrow
Can these fair days erase,
But they, with each tomorrow
Help us new tasks to face.

III

Like breath of spring's fresh morning
That lifts the heart to song,
When courage droops and wavers
And paths seem gray and long,
Will come thy dauntless spirit
To help us on our way,
Mount Vernon, O, Mount Vernon!
Hold fast thy tender sway.

IV

The changing years may bring us
Some longed-for dream of bliss,
Yet memory will cherish
A sympathy we miss.
In hours of joy or sadness,
Whate'er our need may be,
Mount Vernon, O, Mount Vernon!
Thy children turn to thee.

Tuesday morning, May 25th, the graduating exercises were held as usual in the ballroom of the New Willard. This beautiful and stately room was never more beautiful than on this perfect May morning. Cannot all the graduates of recent years see the lovely picture? The great stage with its setting of palms and garlands and overflowing wealth of white and golden bloom; the eager guests; the ushers we all know so well, "Miss Katherine" and Miss Ashley, Miss Guard and Miss Cole, Miss Brouse and Miss Colgan, Miss Kurtz and Miss Schumacher, each earnestly striving to give to every guest the very best seat in all the auditorium. Presently Professor Kaspar waves his baton, and with the opening strains of the "Processional," in through the wide-open doors come the undergraduate classes, each in turn, gay with its class colors in ribbons and in banners. It seems an endless procession as they all file in, take their allotted places and stand waiting. When the last Junior is in her place, there is a little pause, then, side by side, the two ushers of honor, members of last year's class, come slowly down the aisle, followed by the members of the Senior Class in single file. Oh, surely all of us know what a panic seizes each heart, how interminable seems the length of that aisle, how steep and perilous the flight of steps leading up to the platform, and how dread the fear of a stumble before its height is at-

tained. At last the appointed place in one of the rows of gilded chairs is reached, and then you and all of your schoolmates are singing together—for the last time—"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Program

PROCESSIONAL	<i>Lachner</i>
"PRAISE GOD FROM WHOM ALL BLESSINGS FLOW"	
LARGO	<i>Handel</i>
MR. ANTON KASPAR	
PRAYER.....	REV. CHARLES WOOD, D.D.
OVERTURE—Der Freischutz.....	<i>Weber</i>
CHORUS—"I Waited for the Lord"....	<i>Mendelssohn</i>
GLEE CLUB	
ADDRESS TO GRADUATING CLASS—"The Life Symmetrical"	REV. ROBERT JOHNSTON, D.D.
MORNING SONG.....	<i>Henschel</i>
MISS O'CONNELL	
PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS.....	MRS. SOMERS
BENEDICTION	
CORONATION MARCH.....	<i>Meyerbeer</i>

On April 27th, Senior Theme Day, the following fine program was given, the selection of essays to be read having been made, as usual, by a committee chosen from the members of the Faculty.

A DISCUSSION:

HEREDITY AND ENVIRONMENT

- I. *The Outlook.....Elizabeth Swartzell
- II. *Direct Heredity: theories of
Gertrude Tweedy
- III. Social Heredity.....Josephine Lacy
Bessie B. Lewis

*Selected to be read Senior Day.

- IV. Environment: analysis of...Wynifred Maxon
Kathryn J. Decker
- V. *Dill: A Story of Environment
Elizabeth R. Brown
- VI. The Relative Parts Played by Nature
and Nurture in the Genesis of Genius
- *a. The World's View—Carlyle's Con-
ception of a Great Man.....Sue K. Watson
- b. The Test of History
1. The Artist.....Clarinne R. Hunter
 2. The Musician.....Evelyn T. Jackson
 3. The Novelist.....Mary U. Neipp
 4. The Captain of Industry..Dorothy Harvey
 - *5. The Leader.....Irene Brown
- VII. The Relation of the Individual to His
Heredity and His Environment
- *a. A Novelist's View.....Emily Winship
- *b. A Dramatist's View.....Vera D. Clemes
- *c. The Power of the Will..Emily I. Campbell
- d. The Awakening: a drama.Vivian B. Caunt
- e. A Factor in Environment.....Helen Foss
- VIII. *Who Are the Disinherited?
Marcella Thompson
- IX. *Anyman: an allegory.....Dorothy A. Peet
- X. *The Art of Arts.....Mardo A. Peck

In the first essay, Elizabeth Swartzell discussed present social conditions with direct reference to heredity and environment as causative factors. After an analysis of the theories of direct heredity and exposition of social heredity and environment, a group of papers attempted to show the relative parts these factors played in the development of genius.

From the rapidly accumulating evidence of the greater power of environment in the moulding of character, Emily Campbell directed the attention to the power of the will in choosing and modifying

environment—a power further illustrated in a drama by Vivian Caunt. Helen Foss emphasized the broader influence and responsibility of the individual in his relation to the social environment. Marcella Thompson's essay defined the disinherited as the one who failed to enter into the opportunities afforded him either by his immediate or social inheritance. The discussion was summarized in allegorical form by Dorothy Peet and found its climax in Mardo Peck's graceful plea to the individual to find his bearings in the great social entity so that he might so modify the elastic environment as to overcome the weakness of his inheritance, individual and social, and in a purposeful life, find happiness.

A New Step Forward

After twenty years of the existence of secret societies this new year marks their discontinuance in Mount Vernon Seminary. To those who have been familiar with their motives, aims and influence, there can be no question that they have been instrumental in the fixing of high standards in the work and character of the students. The approval or disapproval of fellow pupils is always a matter of serious moment. Many a girl has been helped to better ways by the aid of those who have chosen her as an intimate comrade, and none the less truly has many a girl risen to a finer conception of personal value, following the disapproval of her mates. But it has seemed to us that the day has come when the standards of the School—*girls'* standards—are so well understood that there is no longer need of the societies. New pupils come to us through those who have been with us, and thus girls of fine type form the personnel of our School. Under these conditions the society girls have found it increasingly difficult each year to choose their limited number from the many who are equally worthy. From this necessity of choosing some and excluding others, two unfortunate results ensued:

First, to the club members themselves. One of the greatest advantages accruing to pupils in so large a boarding school as ours is the broadening of their social interests and sympathies from coming into close personal relations with girls not only from all portions of our own country, but from Hawaii, Japan, Syria and other lands beyond the sea. Each school club by so largely limiting the

forming of close social relations of its members to its own narrow circle thereby robs them of this larger element of school culture.

Second, owing to the large increase of late years in the number of our boarding pupils, it has been inevitable that at each election the number of pupils left out of the clubs (whose membership is limited) was also correspondingly enlarged. Now anything which seems to any of us a slight, a discounting of our personal value, coming from those whom we have the right to count as comrades, inevitably hurts and stings even the oldest and most philosophical of us; doubly keen is the hurt to the undisciplined, unstrengthened heart of girlhood. So, year by year, there was evident a growing sum total of disappointment and heartache in the atmosphere of our School. In this was a grave injustice, because every pupil who comes to us is entitled to all that happiness and contentment which the general conditions of the School are so thoroughly fitted to create. Thus, this fall we enter upon our new school year without the spirit of anxiety and embarrassment, which prevailed among pupils, both old and new, during the first weeks of other years.

The old "I. T. S." Room is now used as a Senior Class and Club Room. The "B. T. S." Room has been altered to meet the needs of a beautifully-equipped Domestic Science Department, and the "V. V." Room is now the home of the "Optima," an open club, whose membership is composed of those who have won this honor through a high grade of scholarship or for special talent in music or art.

The possessions of the various societies were disposed of according to the decision of the members. Some of the articles were distributed among their own number, some were devoted to charitable purposes, some were donated to the "Optima" Room, and others to the new "Junior Club" Room, the

former Domestic Science Room in the "Far West" House.

It has been interesting to note that many of our old Society girls have clearly expressed themselves as favoring the change, and the happy spirit of our girls in these few weeks of the new year would seem to prove that both the happiness and the welfare of all will be promoted by this step forward.

ELIZABETH J. SOMERS,
ADELIA G. HENSLEY.

Many of the Alumnae will doubtless be interested in recognizing in the following list of Boarding Pupils for the year 1911-1912 names made familiar to them through happy school companionship with older relatives of these pupils of today. The names marked with an asterisk indicate younger sisters, and with daggers, daughters of former pupils:

- * ALEXANDER, MARJORIE H. Chicago, Ill.
- AMES, MARIE Owensboro, Ky.
- ANDERSON, MARION J. St. Paul, Minn.
- APPEL, JOSEPHINE Brookline, Mass.
- D'AUTREMONT, MARIE G. Duluth, Minn.
- BACKUS, KATHARINE E. Toledo, Ohio
- BARRETT, RUTH Boston, Mass.
- BOWLING, DOROTHY Detroit, Mich.
- * BRANT, S. ELIZABETH Los Angeles, Cal.
- BUCKINGHAM, LOUISE Memphis, Tenn.
- BURNS, ANNE San Antonio, Texas
- BUSCH, AMY E. Los Angeles, Cal.
- BUSH, RACHEL Chicago, Ill.
- CARNAHAN, DORIS L. Denver, Colo.
- CARPENTER, AGNES M. Milwaukee, Wis.
- CLARKE, HELEN R. Omaha, Neb.
- CLEVELAND, THEO. F. Chicago, Ill.
- CLINGAN, MARGARET Niles, Ohio
- CONDON, MARGUERITE Chicago, Ill.
- COOK, ELIZABETH Kansas City, Mo.

- CUSHMAN, FLORENCE A. Detroit, Mich.
† DULLES, ELEANOR L. Auburn, N. Y.
DUNBAUGH, HELEN New York, N. Y.
FAY, HELEN W. Auburn, N. Y.
FLANAGAN, ERMA Grand Rapids, Mich.
FLINT, KATHARINE Los Angeles, Cal.
FLINT, PAULINE Bellows Falls, Vt.
FORST, DOROTHY Trenton, N. J.
GORHAM, GAIL Marshall, Mich.
GORTON, GRETCHEN Corning, N. Y.
* GROSS, SARA L. Greensburg, Pa.
GRUNBAUM, IRENE J. Boise, Idaho
GUERNSEY, JESSIE Independence, Kans.
HALLER, MARIE L. Portland, Ore.
HASKELL, FAITH Wakefield, Neb.
HAWK, LUCY W. Battle Creek, Mich.
* HAYES, ALICE Louisville, Ky.
HOSKINS, CLARA B. Beirut, Syria
KERR, HELEN Lima, Ohio
* KRUEGER, DOROTHY Newark, N. J.
* KRUEGER, GRETCHEN Newark, N. J.
LEE, MARJORIE Reno, Nev.
LEWIS, H. LOUISE De Kalb, Ill.
* LINK, IMOLA Houston, Texas
LINK, URA Houston, Texas
LOGGIE, ADELE G. Bellingham, Wash.
* LUKE, RUTH New Bethlehem, Pa.
MC CARTHY, AILEEN Redondo Beach, Cal.
MAERCKER, GERTRUDE H. Milwaukee, Wis.
MAYER, MATTILENE Paris, Texas
MAYNARD, MARY M. Claremont, N. H.
† MOWER, MARGARET C. Washington, D. C.
MURPHY, JOSEPHINE Minneapolis, Minn.
PATTEN, CHARLOTTE H. Chattanooga, Tenn.
* PATTERSON, AGNES Pittsburgh, Pa.
PEASE, KATHRYN Dayton, Ohio
* PEET, GLADYS St. Paul, Minn.
PIGOTT, JOSEPHINE Helena, Montana
PINDELL, FRANCES Peoria, Ill.

PORTER, ADA LEE	Kansas City, Mo.
PORTER, MARIE H.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
POTTER, ANNAH FRANCES . . .	Greenfield, Mass.
* PURDY, BEATRICE	Bellingham, Wash.
PURDY, PHYLLIS M.	Bellingham, Wash.
* REED, GRACE	New York, N. Y.
* REEVES, MARGARET J. . . .	Canal Dover, Ohio
* REEVES, HELEN E.	Canal Dover, Ohio
† RYAN, FRANCES	Washington, D. C.
SANDMEYER, HORTENSE	Lincoln, Ill.
SARGENT, MATILDA D.	Boston, Mass.
SCOTT, HELEN	Kansas City, Mo.
SKINNER, DORIS E.	Denver, Colo.
STEELE, HESTER K.	Steubenville, Ohio
STEPHENS, BARBARA	Los Angeles, Cal.
SWOPE, BLANCHE A.	Pittsburgh, Pa.
TABOR, PERSIS	Denver, Colo.
WEDDERSPOON, LUCY	Washington, D. C.
WILEY, MARGARET	Brookline, Mass.
WITHERBEE, MILDRED	Hutchinson, Kans.
WOODRUFF, HELEN	Salt Lake City, Utah
YOUNG, FLORENCE A.	Bay City, Mich.

My Home Coming

Youth is the time of illusions; among the most poetic are those that cluster about the beloved Alma Mater. Years after my graduation there came a growing sense that my mind had always registered M. V. S. in superlatives, and with this consciousness was born the query whether there were other schools as good, or better; whether, if judged by the supreme test, that of satisfying one's demand for the education of her own child, it would still hold, not only first place in the affections, but in confidence and respect as well, as a school meeting all the requirements of sound and sane educational theories of today.

Strangely enough the occasion opened for me to test the School of today in the most intimate way, in the triple capacity of alumna, member of the Faculty, and mother.

In the first days of overwhelming sorrow, when there seemed no light ahead, and the one cry of the soul in anguish was for absorbing occupation, there came the message of the dear mother of us all, "Come home, my daughter, and bring my grand-child." Think what this summons meant coming at such a time, and then consider the message as sent to a graduate of '94, whose associations with the School had been broken off for the intervening years by a life of happy domesticity in the far West, and whose experience might argue little for success in teaching!

How many thoughts, dropped long ago at the School door, rose to meet me as I entered the portals of 1100 M. The atmosphere of the lovely old

drawing room touched me gently and softened the pain in my heart. Lorna Guard, still on "parlor duty," met me, and in her face I found no lack of faith in the institution to which she has devoted twenty years. Mrs. Hensley came to me across the music room and down the steps into the drawing room—a realization of all that is genuine and womanly. Yes, she is changed. One cannot think lovely things year after year and not grow more beautiful. Miss Harbaugh smiled me a bright welcome from the foyer, a place new to old girls. Of the alumnae there were Hattie Belle Walker, Elsie Edwards, Anna Hasselman, Carrie Janney and Miss Ames to greet me. She, our mother, came to me in the room she had prepared for my child and me, with its twin beds, desks and toilet sets, next to the room of Elsa Chamberlain Mower, who, with her little daughter, had also come home. In the hour of trial to come back to Mrs. Somers, to have her take your hands with that vital pressure we all know, to see in her sympathetic gaze her powerful spirit shining with a challenge that you prove your worth, is to have been blessed with one of the most rare and inspiring moments that life holds. The summons and the understanding welcome of the founder and builder of M. V. S. explained to me the School of yesterday and today—they justified our girlish enthusiasm as they commanded that deeper love and respect of ripened womanhood.

This is the beginning of my second year of teaching. Time has taught me that superlatives are vain. With all my heart I hope there are other schools like ours. My youthful faith was not lost. My child's progress is just what her father desired for her, and as such is real joy to me. There is, as formerly, a Faculty of ripe scholarship, characterized by possession of that greater thing—intelligence of the heart. It is sometimes forgotten that education is effective only in proportion as it has results

shown in our living. The unhappy person is not educated, though he attain the scholarship of a sage; the selfish—the material is but poorly tutored no matter how much Latin and Greek he may acquire. We train our minds that we may discipline our hearts and thus attain the real value of our short stay in this world. It is this thought that is insisted upon day by day, it is the building of character that is sought through the aid of all school routine and study. In the enlarged M. V. S. of today it is not possible for all the pupils to come in such direct personal contact with Mrs. Somers as did the more fortunate pupils of the days when the School was smaller, but her earnest desire to send forth helpful, happy women is felt throughout the School and furthered by Mrs. Hensley and the rest of the Faculty. No girl can escape the maturing of that little seed sown in Arithmetic or History, or Grammar; often indeed from the plant will develop blossoms so beautiful that the observers will wonder how in so material a world such lovely flowers may grow, but we who have lived in the School, and are older of heart can be surprised at no beauty that is the result of the gifts bestowed by our Alma Mater.

ÉLISE DUFOUR RYAN, '94.

“Old Friends With New Faces”

With the beginning of this school year, October 5th, M. V. S. arrived at her thirty-sixth birthday.

Year after year of her long and useful life has been marked by so much beautifying and so many added facilities that no one could have divined the latest thought for enhancing her charm and usefulness as a school.

How this thought could become an accomplished fact in one summer vacation, without the aid of Aladdin's magic lamp, or the hands of genii is a mystery.

Where were but lately the conservatory and the tether-ball court now stands an attractive administration building. The main floor is divided into private offices for Mrs. Hensley and Miss Hill, a business office for the Misses Brouse, and recitation rooms for the French Department, housed so long on the lower floor of the School building.

New heating and electric plants for the entire main building occupy the basement floor of the administration building.

IN THE BASEMENT OF THE MAIN BUILDING

The English oak dining-room—of “abend-brot” associations—is now “colonial,” in pale buff tints, white woodwork, mahogany trimmings and furniture.

Through a wide archway this room opens into another of equal size, known as the “mission” dining-room—a transformation from the former French class rooms, wrought by tearing out all par-

titions between rooms in the basement of the School house. This large, beautifully lighted addition not only doubles the capacity of the main dining-room, but gives it all a charming sense of generous spaciousness and airiness.

Some readers of this page will recall the long porch on the east side of 1100, where one might study in pleasant weather or take the daily exercise in bad weather. Later this piazza was inclosed and became a favorite dining-room. Another happy change has made it a sun-parlor, or palm-room—a pleasing feature at times of formal entertainment, and a constant delight to many of the household.

Senior House has a fair young rival in Junior House, known hitherto as the "West" and "Far West" Houses. In contrast to the antique mahogany of Senior House the color scheme here is white. The parlor floor is the class clubroom, in "mission" furniture, the gift of I. T. S. to the Junior Class. Thirty-four very alert young aspirants to the Class of 1913 use this room for meetings serious as well as for merrymakings.

The Domestic Science Department has found a commodious and permanent home at Senior House, in the rooms lately the home of the B. T. S. A better equipped department and a more enthusiastic group of embryo home-makers could not be found.

If there be any who fail, through long absence, to recognize in this sketch the loved home of their school days, let such ones "come home" as speedily as may be, and learn that the heart of M. V. S. changes not.

School Happenings

On Hallowe'en the School participated in a pretty party, "The Children of All Nations," in costume. The Chapel was decorated with flags and Japanese lanterns, while from dark corners peered witches and black cats. After a Grand March, there were characteristic songs and dances, the program closing with shadow pictures showing, "The Adventures of Bo-Peep" and "The Walrus and the Carpenter." A supper of nuts, cider, apples and other viands, suitable to the occasion, was served in the library.

Two delightful entertainments have been given by the Seniors this year, and we are hoping that their hospitality has not waned, but will be extended to us again, and yet again. The place has never seemed more spacious, cool and livable than it did on the night of the Housewarming, when we wandered from one softly-lighted, daintily-appointed room to another, each with its cordial hostesses seeming more charming than the last. After partaking all too freely of the tempting sweets offered everywhere, we settled down to luxurious comfort on the back piazza, while haughty Seniors forgot their dignity and humbly served us with lemonade and sandwiches. The garden was mysterious and bewitching with lanterns and hammocks, laughter and snatches of song, and every one of us went home with the determination to be a Senior or die.

On the 3d of December the Kindergarten Fair was held in the Music Room and was a great success, netting \$710.42. There were books for sale, bags of every description, candy, fruit, flowers,

while to many the baby table, with its dainty caps, bibs and sacques, was most attractive. The Senior Table, too, was popular. Here were sold seals and stamps, bright-hued tissue paper and cord for wrapping Christmas parcels. In the Japanese tea-room, tea was served in the afternoon, ice cream and cake in the evening. A novel feature was the M. V. S. "Tattler," a little newspaper full of jokes and bits of School news. One of its features was the poem which follows, written by Dorothy Landers Beall, '08, to Frances Rees, the youngest of the day pupils:

TO A SMALL FRENCH SCHOLAR

Verbs are unwieldy creatures. How they run
Zig-zagging down the page away from her.
Nouns, too, are folly. But the fairy book—
Ah, there the wonder! Then she flees across
The boundaries of uncouth foreign speech
Into the borderland of poesy,
Where velvet heroes of the fireside
Strut in the sunlight.
With her innocent eyes
Raised like twin violets, fragrant to the depths
She meets the world. Ah, may no tearful dew
Wet the sweet bloom of those uplifted eyes!
Be gentle to her, puzzling verbs of life!
Be golden for her, ye fine fairy-lands!

A beautiful herald of the holiday season was the Christmas celebration in the Chapel, in which the house servants took the leading part, contributing the musical numbers, both instrumental and vocal, with the exception of some songs by Bessie O'Connell, Class of 1911, who, entering fully into the spirit of the occasion, sang with even more than her usual charm and sweetness. There was a big tree, gifts of money for each of the servants and toys for their children.

During February and March a Physical Culture Contest was held, Juniors, Seniors, Sophomores and Specials taking part. The Sophomores were the victors in this fight for health and punctuality and as a reward, received special privileges during the last month of the school year.

In the Color Contest, which closed the morning of the 22d of February, the Juniors won.

The Junior Banquet had for its setting the Music Room: the walls were hung with southern smilax, the flowers of the two classes—lilies of the valley and Mrs. Taft roses—combining to carry out a color scheme of remarkable effectiveness. Fifty-five covers were laid; toasts and songs were given, Mildred Astrich and Ruth Edwards being toast-mistresses.

The Juniors opened the season for the class plays, rendering, in fine style, "The Lamentable Tragedy of Julius Cæsar"; the Sophomores followed with "The Burglar," in which Mrs. Somers' cat "Mittens" created the title role. Gretchen Krueger conducted a band resplendent in red caps and red coats with brass buttons—the instruments, a xylophone, mandolins and combs, making weird music to which no words could do entire justice. The Specials offered "Scenes from Dickens," in which Gretchen Gorton, as *Peggotty*, told the story of "David Copperfield," and there were tableaux showing "Miss Betsy Trotwood at Home" and "The Gentleman from Next Door."

Because the success of the Kindergarten Fair in 1910 made further financial effort unnecessary, the members of the Glee Club, for the first time in its history, were enabled to invite their friends to their annual concert, and scored a great success. Bessie O'Connell sang delightfully and the chorus numbers reflected credit both on Mrs. Payne, director, and on the members of the class.

In January we enjoyed the annual course of lec-

tures given by Mr. Leon Vincent. His subjects were, "Jane Austen, Her Life, Her Novels"; "Carlyle and His Wife"; "George Meredith" and "Victor Hugo and the Romantic Movement." Each year we look forward eagerly to the coming of this talented and interesting lecturer.

Mrs. Meigs, the wife of the late Professor Meigs, of "The Hill School for Boys," at Pottstown, Pa., came to us during the winter for a talk on "Girls' Influence." Both the subject and the personality of the speaker made a deep impression upon all who heard her. The strong and womanly appeal from one who knows the heart and shares the confidence of the American boy and youth could not fail to stir girls to a higher appreciation of their own duty to develop into a fine and noble type of womanhood.

A Myleaf from the Library

The older members of the Alumnae will be interested to know of the substantial gifts of the classes of 1909, 1910 and 1911, in the way of books, to the School Library. 1909 gave a complete set of Carlyle in thirty volumes; 1910 followed suit with a charming edition of Ruskin complete, while 1911 delighted everybody with a Thistle edition of Stevenson in twenty-six volumes. The three shelves are decorated with the Senior colors of these classes and are a decided addition to the Library.

The Reading Room starts this year with two Bulletins of rather more than usual interest. One is a pictorial panorama of the Coronation, the pictures being sent directly from London. The other is a new venture of "Books and Art," to be called "Literary Salad," and the clever poster was made by Elsie Edwards. From time to time, during the year, we hope to have not only something relishable as "Salad," but also some literary condiments in the way of the wholesome salt, the gentler oil, the stimulating paprika—and, occasionally, something a trifle more tart.

The Bulletin starts with a list of the best new books and is followed with short notices of authors and books under the heading, "Did you know?" There is also a Question Department, literary and historical, while there are "Art Notes" of current interest.

Perhaps the Alumnae have not seen the pretty story of delicate wit of Mrs. Taft, which recently amused Washington, so we will send a bit of humor from our new Bulletin to illustrate our seasoning.

Mrs. Taft, at a diplomatic dinner, had for neighbor a distinguished French traveler, who boasted a little unduly of his nation's politeness. "We French," the traveler declared, "are the politest people in the world. Everybody acknowledges it. You Americans are a remarkable nation, but the French excel you in politeness. You admit it yourselves, do you not?"

Mrs. Taft smiled delicately.

"Yes," she said, "that is our politeness."

Personals

A favored listener wishes to report a bit from a conversation between Mrs. Somers and an appreciative patron.

He was amazed that this master-spirit should spend itself in selecting a shade of paint, a tint of papering, or attend to the countless things that for more than a generation of years have made this the "house beautiful" for her pupils.

Why not leave to others the wearying burden of detail?

For answer came these words: "This home is my tribute to young womanhood, and I would offer it, as Christ would have His church—'having no spot, and without blemish.'"

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Mrs. Somers and Miss Brouse attended a very delightful luncheon given at Delmonico's by the New York M. V. S. Society last spring. Those present were: Mrs. Cornelia Farwell Woolley, Miss Nettie Stevens, Mrs. Georgia Grey Hencken, Miss Marguerite Marvin, Mrs. Mary Belle Hudson Coffin, Mrs. Alice Kuhn Zittel, Miss Alethea Luce, Mrs. Louise Bryan Sullivan, Mrs. Gertrude Lynch Springer, Mrs. Winifred Wilson Fell, Mrs. Florence Nokes Murphy, Mrs. Roberta Wolf Buehler, Mrs. Cornelia Wright McPherson, Miss Katharine Grout, Mrs. Virgie Whitcomb Tarbell, Mrs. Addie Burr Clark, Miss Gertrude Fitzgerald, Mrs. Ethel Wolf Heysradt, Mrs. Helen Hurst Gordon, Miss Ruth McCallum Dayton, Mrs. Fannie Robinson Kennedy,

Mrs. Florence Mixter Wells, Miss Jessie Costello, Miss Katharine Meyer, Miss Helen Unger, Miss Anne Dugan, Mrs. Grace Unger Masters, Mrs. Edith Slayback Baldwin, Mrs. Marie Wilson Beardsley, Miss Helen Steece, Mrs. Maude Batchelder Vosburgh, Miss Margaret Oeland, Miss Elizabeth Oeland.

There are very few changes in the Faculty this year. Miss Wright is Principal of a Girls' High School in Idaho; Miss Kurtz is away on a year's leave of absence, and Miss Ogilvie is teaching in Evanston, Ill. Our one new member is Miss Louise Hempstead in the Departments of Latin and Mathematics. Miss Hempstead is doubly welcome to M. V. S., as she is a niece of the husband of Eleanor Brush Hempstead, '91.

Dorothy Beall, '08, has gone to Paris for a year's study in French. A recent letter says that she spent a delightful summer at Saint Valery en Caux, a quaint little Normandy seaport, where she began her study of French. Later she went to Paris and is very happily situated at 60 Rue des Écoles. In addition to private work in translation, composition, pronunciation and a course in French literature and in history of art, Dorothy also expects to do some work at the Sorbonne, so her winter promises to keep her well employed.

Work of special value and interest is being done in the School by two of the Alumnae who have recently been added to the Faculty. Mrs. Elsa Chamberlain Mower, '91, who is giving to her pupils the latest and best methods of voice culture, gained through years of study and work with Mrs. Milward Adams, of Chicago, and with the best teachers of Paris and London, is arousing great enthusiasm in her department by her ability and personal charm.

Another of the Alumnae who has come back to her School home is Mrs. Elise Dufour Ryan, '94,

who had a crushing bereavement last year in the death of her husband. With her eleven-year-old daughter Frances she came to Washington and has already made herself an indispensable part of the School family. Her dramatic ability is unusual, as is her power to reach the minds and hearts of her pupils. Above all, she has a rare quality of sympathy, which enables her to forget herself in the interests of others. The special physical training Mrs. Ryan is this year giving to the Seniors through the medium of the beautiful "Classic Dances" is already showing to a marked degree in the growing liteness and grace of movement and bearing of her pupils.

Miss Helen Curtis, formerly a member of the M. V. S. Faculty, has recently sailed for Turkey, where she expects to work as a missionary for the next five years.

Members of the Class of '98 will be interested to hear of the marriage of Rev. Stowell Lyman Bryant to Miss Alta Hegley, which took place in June, 1910, at Wyndham, Ohio.

Mrs. Eddy and Miss Elizabeth Eddy were Mrs. Somers' guests for two weeks in October. During their visit Annye Wilson and Katharine Myer each spent a few days at the School.

Grace Wright Capen, '94, spent the summer travelling abroad with her husband, Dr. Samuel P. Capen, of Clarke College, Worcester, Mass.

Marian Dall Connor, '01, is delightfully situated in Brookline, Mass. Mr. Connor has resigned from the Government service, where he has been assistant attorney to Attorney-General Wickersham, and has entered a well-known law firm of Boston. Marian has become one of the directors of the Woman's Educational and Industrial Union.

Mr. Lionel M. Parker, husband of Grace Marks Parker, is the owner of the Villa Montrose Groves at San Juan, Porto Rico. Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Pearson (Edith Marks) are living in Staten Island, N. Y. They have a son about a year old.

Margaret Woodruff was second vice-president of the Knoxville Women's Board of the Appalachian Exposition, whose second annual convention occurred in September.

Letters from Ella Thomas Brochard, '97, read like a story of adventure. For the past two years her husband, Dr. Victor Brochard, has been Resident Commissioner of France on Wallis Islands, near the Fijis, in the Pacific, where the only white people beside themselves were the mission of French priests, not at all friendly to the French government. Ella's baby, now about a year and a half old, is the second white child born on the island. This spring Dr. and Mrs. Brochard, with the baby and a native nurse, undertook the long journey to France, going by way of Australia. They spent most of the summer in or near Paris. They expect to return soon to Wallis as Dr. Brochard has been reappointed to the post of Resident Commissioner.

Nannie Skillman, '88, spent the summer fishing in New Hampshire. We have not heard what she caught.

Anna Hasselman, '92, took the summer course at the Providence School of Design in August, and spent September on Monhegan Island, Maine.

Miss Anne Ames, '81, and Miss Nina Morgan, '81, have joined forces this winter, and have a delightful apartment at the Mendota. They spent the summer at Millboro, Va.

Alice E. Edwards, '93, visited Grace Wright Capen, '94, at her home in Worcester early in October.

Miss Grace Brouse and Miss Trippett spent the summer at Stony Man's Camp, Skylands, Va.

Mrs. Phila Calder Nye, '91, is continuing her study of Art History this winter in New York, and is also taking an interesting course on this subject at Princeton. Mrs. Nye is giving art lectures, beautifully illustrated with her own slides, in Lakewood, N. J., before one of the women's clubs there, and at Miss Samson's school.

Mrs. Mary Rankin Goulder, '78, of Cleveland, Ohio, is an active worker in a number of charitable organizations and a valued member of the D. A. R. From 1904 to 1906 she was Regent of the Western Reserve Chapter, filling the position most ably. Since retiring from the regency Mrs. Goulder has been busy in the work of the Chapter, and for several years she has been Chairman of the Children of the Republic work. Her enthusiasm and persistence have resulted in the beautiful minuet dance which has so delightfully entertained the guests at the colonial balls. The following poem, written by Mrs. Goulder, and daintily illustrated with water color drawings, was sent to Mrs. Somers, and with it Mrs. Goulder's photograph taken in the colonial costume in which she led the minuet.

THE MINUET

Down the steps, her hand in mine,
Does my lady go!
Stately walks in measured time,
Sets my heart aglow,
Stands before me, curtseys low,
Bends her pretty head, rises, glances, smiles at me.
All in measured tread,
Turn we then and take our place
Ready for the dance,
Slide step point, slide step point,
Step point, step point,
Back again with grace.

Daintily she picks her skirt,
And with modest twirl,
Half way curtseys, smiles again,
Sets my brain awirl.
Then sedate I bow to her,
My hand upon my heart—
Can she hear it, does she know
That my heart is beating so,
As my lady curtseys, curtseys low?

Katherine Decker, '11, will make her debut at a reception given at her home in Convent Station, N. J., on the 6th of December.

A most encouraging letter from Mary Beall, '07, has recently been received. She is now at Lakewood, N. J., and fast regaining her strength; walks freely around the house, but still uses a cane on the street. Her voice has not been impaired by its long silence, but is even better for the rest this long seclusion has given it.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lansing (Eleanor Foster, '84) are spending the early winter in Washington with Mrs. Lansing's parents, General and Mrs. John W. Foster.

Among the very welcome callers at M. V. S. last summer was Mr. Kojiro Matsukata, of Kobe, Japan, husband of Yoshi Kuki, '90. He brought with him pictures of their four charming children.

Mrs. B. F. Harris (May Mellish, '94) was also most warmly greeted as a caller at M. V. S.

Members of the Class of '97 will rejoice to hear that Mollie Knapp, who was for so many years seriously disabled from a railroad accident, has entirely recovered and is once more her own lithe, graceful self.

Among active, earnest advocates of Woman Suffrage are Julia Goldsborough, '01, and Fannie Forrester Rowan, '04, of California.

Early last June Mrs. Somers made brief but most delightful visits to two of her early homes, Indianapolis, Ind., and Evanston, Ill. In the former city she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Carey, the latter (Mary Stewart, '77) and two daughters, Martha Carey and Ruth Carey, '02, having all been pupils in M. V. S. A delightful feature of Mrs. Somers' visit was being present at the beautiful and picturesque wedding of Ruth Carey and John Morris Haines, which took place on the afternoon of June 10th, at half after five o'clock. The scene of the ceremony was the garden at the rear of the house. At one end is a broad fountain, at the other a pergola with tall white columns and at either side broad flower beds with tall hollyhocks against the garden walls and blooming flowers all about. Trees lent their shade, birds sang in the branches, and screened by the fountain was an orchestra. At the hour for the ceremony the orchestra played the march from "Lohengrin" and from both the north and south sides of the garden advanced eight friends of the bride, among whom were Barbara McNaughton Rosebush and Vivian Weaver Welles. They all wore gowns of white and pink with Mary Garden bows of white tulle in their hair, and carried shepherd staffs, entwined with crimson rambler roses. From the fountain to the pergola the staffs were placed at intervals in the ground and the young women stood between them, forming an aisle for the bridal party. From the north side of the house came the minister, the two groomsmen, and the bridegroom accompanied by his best man. Mr. Haines and his attendants all wore white suits. From the south came the bridesmaids, Miss Eleanor Carey, walking alone, then Miss Mary Carey and Miss Charlotte Scott together, then Miss Martha Carey alone, and lastly the bride and her father. As the bride and her attendants appeared, Mrs. George R. Eckert, soprano, and Miss Mary Traub,

contralto, began the song to the wedding march. The bridal party stood before the pergola and the eight friends of the bride formed a semi-circle about them, leaving the staff-like rose trees among the guests. The music changed to "Believe Me If All Those Endearing Young Charms" as the words of the service were read. Mr. and Mrs. Haines left in the evening for a wedding trip, and on their return they will be at home at 1635 North Delaware Street. While in Indianapolis, Mrs. Somers had the additional pleasure of meeting many former pupils, among whom were: Mrs. William Wishard (Frances Scoville, '84), Mrs. Raymond Van Camp (Rosamond McDermott, '94), Miss Alice Henry, '99, Miss Leah Henry, '06, Mrs. H. Newton Hempstead (Eleanor Brush, '91), Mrs. Stanley Timberlake (Elizabeth Cooper), Mrs. William Scott (Martha Stewart), Mrs. George E. Hume (Lucy Holliday), Mrs. Ortan Fleming (Daisy Berry), Mrs. John Taylor Martindale (Dolly Van Camp), Mrs. Harry Murphy (Shirley Daily). In Evanston Mrs. Somers was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Marion Wigmore (Mary Tousey Wilson) in their beautiful new home. Mrs. Wigmore, with characteristic gracious hospitality, kept perpetual "open house" to M. V. S. girls during all of Mrs. Somers' visit, and the list of these dear visitors is too long for the limits of the "Annual."

A very beautiful charity in which a number of M. V. S. people are greatly interested is the building of a picturesque little stone church in the Blue Ridge Mountains near Bluemont, Va. The land upon which it stands was given by Miss Minnie Brouse, of our Faculty, and she has superintended its construction. Through her earnest efforts the building fund has been acquired. A number of Washington people who have summer homes nearby have become interested and lent their assistance,

among them Mrs. Somers, Mrs. Gale, mother of Olive Gale Hill, and Mrs. Josef Kaspar. Mrs. Somers gave the organ; Miss Grace Brouse, the bell; and Mrs. Crawford, of Evanston, Ill., a gilded cross for the tower. After the disbanding of the School secret societies last year the V. V. girls gave a beautiful carved altar chair. The interior of the church is simple but unusually effective. A paneling of pine stained a soft brown extends for more than half the height of the walls, and above it is the rough masonry of gray stone such as is used on the outside of the building. The church is called Bishopsgate Chapel, as it stands just at the entrance to a tract of land formerly owned by Bishop McCabe, uncle of Alice McCabe, '92, and Carrie McCabe, '95.

Franceska Kaspar Lawson, '00, spent most of the summer at her father's mountain home near Blue-mont, Va. Mrs. Kaspar spent the summer in Europe.

Mrs. Elsa Chamberlain Mower, '91, and her daughter, Margaret, spent the summer in Europe.

The engagement of Alice Reeve Kelsey, '09, to Mr. Russell Cooke, of Cleveland, has been announced.

Katherine Niles, '09, will spend the winter in North Carolina.

Mrs. Grace Phillips Johnston, '97, and Miss Marsh Rees, '96, were present at Commencement.

Elaine Pujo, '09, spent the winter in Washington.

Molly Knapp, '97, spent part of the winter in Washington, and was present at Commencement.

Miss Alice E. Edwards spent the winter in Philadelphia, studying at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Marion Wigmore (Miss Mary Wilson) spent their honeymoon at Mrs.

Somers' country home, "Rock Rest," near Bluemont, Va., and later visited in Washington.

Miss Klotz visited Miss Ames and Mrs. Hensley in November.

Cards have been received for the wedding of Elizabeth Eddy to Mr. Samuel Davis Rowe, of Chicago. The wedding will take place early in December, at Evanston, Ill. Josephine Eddy, '04, will be maid of honor, and the bridesmaids are all M. V. S. girls, Anna Boyd, Katharine Meyer and Annys Wilson.

The following members of the Alumnae visited the School during the winter: Blanche Banks, Georgie Baum, Phila Millbank, Harriet McGill, Josephine Eddy, Helen Unger, Ruth French, Elsie Foerderer, Anna Foss, Katherine Niles, Isabel Ramage, Helen Cudahy, Margaret Downey, Dorothy Foster, Elizabeth Heim, Anna Kidder, Beatrice McComb, Marie Reed and Phoebe Weaver.

Berlin papers are pronounced in their praise of Arthur Shattuck (brother of Vina Shattuck, '03), a pupil of Leschetizky, who played in concert during the winter of 1910-1911 in Leipzig, Prague and Berlin, and who, the coming season, will appear as soloist with the New York Symphony Orchestra.

On the day that Permelia Curtis Porter landed at New York, after six months abroad, Ruth Porter, '09, sailed for the other side to spend a year in study and travel.

Elsa Murray has returned from a summer in Berlin where she has been continuing her musical studies.

Grace Terrill, '96, spent September with Marsh Rees, '96, at her home in Pittsburgh.

Caroline Janney, '96, and Mollie Knapp, '96, visited Mrs. Grace Phillips Johnson, '97, during the summer.

While she was in Washington last winter Mrs. Georgia Conway Stetson visited M. V. S.

Mrs. Florence Holtzman-Weymouth has been in Washington on a brief visit to her mother. She will spend the winter in Europe pursuing her musical studies.

Mary Stocking, '01, is teaching in Pittsburgh this winter.

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A recent visitor inquired whether Mrs. Somers is today actively engaged in the work of the School?

As answer he was asked to recall everything he had been shown, and to remember it all, even to the smallest detail as the labor of Mrs. Somers' brain, and heart, and hand.

And the half could not have been told him.

Marriages

Mary Adelaide Nichols, '06, to Mr. John Carlton Burton, May 21, 1910.

Elizabeth Ferris, '07, to Dr. Richard C. Purdum, October 26, 1910.

Alice Marjorie Ray, '04, to Mr. Alfred Knight Potter, May 16, 1911.

Emma Patten, '05, to Mr. Mitchell Hoyt, June 3, 1911.

Jean Elizabeth Cudahy, '08, to Mr. Frank Edward Wilhelm, June 3, 1911.

Ruth Carey, '02, to Mr. John Morris Haines, June 10, 1911.

Ruth Halford, '01, to Lieut. Walter B. Woodson, September, 1911.

Gertrude Campbell Fry, '05, to Mr. Andrew Bradley Duvall January 11, 1911.

Ruth Marguerite Hoffman, '09, to Mr. Norman Bruce Scott, September 6, 1911.

Genevieve Ainslie, '02, to Mr. William Beye, October 17, 1911.

Edith Gilliss Fry, '07, to Mr. William Edmonston Pearson, October 18, 1911.

Brownie Elizabeth Baum, '08, to Mr. John Gould Rouse, November 1, 1911.

Phila Nichols Milbank, '08, to Mr. Lyman Ross McFie, November 8, 1911.

Marguerite Marvin, '08, to Mr. George Valentine Schmitt, November 8, 1911.

Josephine Foster, '07, to Mr. Clarence Leich.

Following is a list of the weddings of the non-graduate girls, in so many of whom the Alumnae are interested:

Helen Seymour to Mr. Merlin Wiley, October 12, 1910.

Arline Yergason to Mr. Isaac Richard Serviss, October 18, 1910.

Erwina Gaulden to Mr. Charles Henry Campbell, November 8, 1910.

Mary Hester Waters to Mr. J. Marsh Matthews, November 16, 1910.

Mary Parker Warner to Mr. Levi Cooke, November 23, 1910.

Gretchen Wellington to Mr. James Elder Humbird, November 23, 1910.

Estella Frazee Barnes to Dr. Alfred Core Howard, November 29, 1910.

Vera Downing to Mr. William Wilson Finley, Jr., December 22, 1910.

Ruth Emma Hitt to Mr. Henry Minor Eakin, November 30, 1910.

Kathrina Richardson to Lieut. Gerald Howse, U. S. N., February 22, 1911.

Maybelle Raymond to Rev. Tyler Dennett, March 15, 1911.

Elizabeth Bonney Barry to Mr. Sevellon Ledyard Brown, April 19, 1911.

Florence Wright to Dr. James Hutton Curts, January 5, 1911.

Elizabeth MacKay to Lieut. William Rudicil Henry, U. S. A., February 23, 1911.

Alma Snow to Mr. J. Gerald Cheney, April 22, 1911.

Harriett Carroll to Mr. Hugh Phillip Tiemann, April 25, 1911.

Leila Birch Hitt to Mr. Willard Duff Eakin, May 11, 1911.

Lillian Fay to Mr. George Archibald Brakeley, June 8, 1911.

Pauline Stoutenburgh to Mr. George Doane Smith, April 26, 1911.

Winifred Davis to Lieut. Richard C. Moore, December 7, 1910.

Mary Priscilla Rath to Mr. Robert Roy Strayer, April 5, 1911.

Ruth Smith to Mr. Clarence Rand O'Brien, October 21, 1911.

Lucile Lane to Mr. George Edward Bardeen, Jr., October 7, 1911.

Helen Angeline Stoughton, daughter of Emma Grandin Stoughton, '84, to Mr. Roy Bradley Wheeler, November 1, 1911.

Georgina Frances Jones to Mr. Robert Kelsey Walton, August 24, 1911.

Elizabeth Baillie to Mr. Samuel Lyon Russell, September 27, 1911.

Olive Young Latimer to Mr. James Horace Patten October 12, 1910.

Charlotte Gardner to Mr. Samuel K. McCall, November 25, 1910.

Bessie Marie O'Connell to Mr. Gilbert Max Smith, June 12, 1911.

Cora Warner Harwood to Mr. Jerome J. Wilber, October 28, 1911.

Ethel Catherine Paul to Mr. Edwards Taylor Canbolt, November 3, 1911.

Births

January 26, 1911, a son, William Ford, to Mrs. Nell Ford Torrey, '92.

March 8, 1911, a son, James Sheppard, Jr., to Mrs. Mildred Finckel Burruss, '06.

April 11, 1911, a son, Robert Carter, to Mrs. Mary Woodson Hosea, '89.

August 1, 1911, a son, to Mrs. Jennie Gamble McVay, '06.

August 15, 1911, a son, Frank Frederick, to Mrs. Alice Kohnen Zittel, '97.

August 20, 1911, a daughter, Brownie Babette, to Mrs. Fanny Brown Moore, '08.

October 18, 1911, a son, Martin, to Mrs. Josephine Foster Leich.

In Memoriam

DORA V. HILL

October 28, 1911

In the fall of 1890 Miss Hill came to Mount Vernon Seminary to take charge of the Mathematics Department. She brought to her work a brilliant mind, fine training and a vigorous, forceful personality. For eight years she had great success here in her chosen field, going then to Ogontz, where she, last year, relinquished active work on account of ill health. Racked by pain, looking Death in the face for months, she bore her suffering submissively, courageously, cheerfully,—easing, by her own brave spirit, the sore hearts of those loved ones who watched with her till the end. To Miss Katherine Hill, her sister, Assistant to Mrs. Somers and Mrs. Hensley, we offer our love and sincerest sympathy.

In Memoriam

MINNIE LOUISE BECK RILEY

January 19, 1911

WHEREAS, It has pleased our Heavenly Father, in his wisdom, to remove from our midst our class-mate, Minnie Louise Beck Riley,

Resolved, That in her death, the Class of 1905 loses a loved friend and companion, and the Alumnae Association of Mount Vernon Seminary a loyal and devoted member.

Resolved, That these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our "Annual" and that a copy be sent to her bereaved family to whom we offer sincere sympathy.

KATE MACARTNEY,
RUTH CAMPBELL,
EDNA MCKNEW GREENE.

Deaths

January 3, 1911, Mrs. Hugh R. Wilson, niece of Mrs. Somers and mother of Mrs. Mary Wilson Wigmore and Mrs. Myra Wilson Little.

January 19, 1911, Mrs. Minnie Louise Beck Riley, '05.

September 22, 1911, Charles W. Allen, father of Gertrude Allen, '09.

October 19, 1911, Mrs. Orinda Yerkes, mother of Mary Warner Knapp, '97.

May, 1911, Mrs. William W. Herrick, mother of Izzie Herrick Lawton, '91.

September, 1911, Mr. Clarence E. Sherin, father of Gladys Sherin Hetherington, '07, and Eloise Sherin, '09.

October 11, 1911, Mrs. Jacob Stackerl, mother of Catherine Stackerl, '09.

July 28, 1911, Mrs. Samson, mother of Edith Samson.

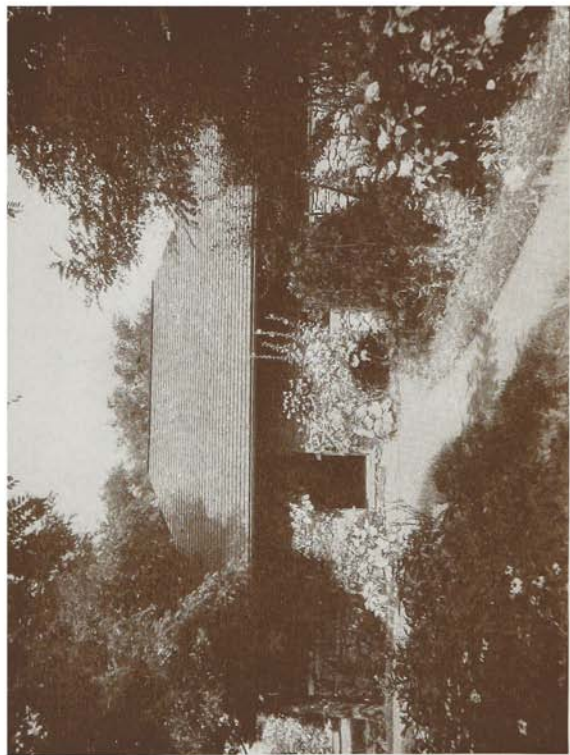
October 24, 1911, Mrs. Louis Testwuide, mother of Elizabeth Testwuide, '10.

October 28, 1911, Miss Dora V. Hill, sister of Miss Katharine Hill.

August, 1911, William Connell Van Deusen, son of Jessie Dimmick Van Deusen, '00.

October, 1911, Mr. William Kurtz, brother of Miss Anne Kurtz.

December, 1910, James Cecil Hooe, husband of Edith Dingley Hooe, '90.



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